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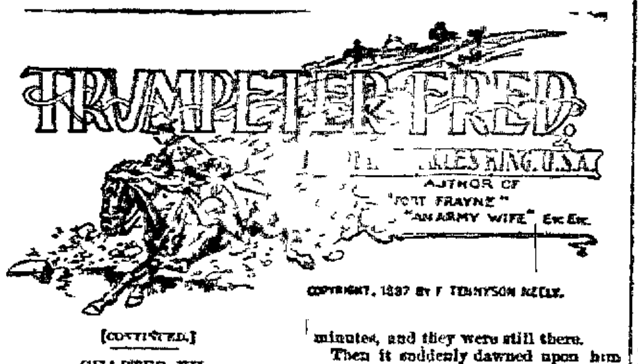
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CHAPTER XII.

MYSTERIOUS HOOF PRINTS.

It was Saturday night that, from far up the Platte, the news came to Captain Wallace of the dash made by the Sioux for the Sidney road. For two days previous he had been hunting Indians up stream toward the Rawhide and had found a perfect network of pony tracks and had had some very distant glimpses of flitting warriors. His scouts had told him that the Sioux and Cheyennes were swarming over the country to the northwest of him, and that none had appeared to the east. It was his business, therefore, to move against them, and move he did, trusting that Forrest and the Grays would be alert along the southern verge of the reservations, that no formidable parties could slip southward in his absence.

But this was simply part and parcel of the Indian scheme. Having lured him two days' march away from the Sidney crossing, these enterprising warriors kept him occupied, while their confederates, making a wide detour around Forrest, slipped across the Platte and swooped down upon the poor fellows with the freight wagons. Only one of their number managed to escape, and he, madly riding westward, came upon some herdsmen, who promptly joined him in his flight. They had seen the cavalry going up the north bank a day or two before, and they never drew rein until they found them.

Wallace at once sent couriers westward to Fort Laramie with the news, and at break of day started down stream with his whole troop. They had not marched five miles before they came upon the hoof prints of a single horse, and just beyond the point where these hoof prints crossed their trail the tracks of half a dozen Indian ponies met their eager eyes. One old sergeant, reining out of column to the right, followed the shod tracks over to the river bank, and a lieutenant spurred out and joined him when he signaled with his broad brimmed scouting hat. The rest of the troop moved stolidly ahead.

Presently the young officer overtook the column and reined in beside his captain.

"Where did they go, Park?"

"Straight into the stream, sir, and evidently to the other side. Sergeant Brooks says 'twas a troop horse with a light rider and that he had to swim across. The river is six feet deep out there, but it was his only way of escape. The Indians couldn't have been far behind, and yet they didn't follow. Their tracks turn down the bank on this side. Brooks is following them now."

"Who on earth could have come through here at such a time? Why, the country has been running over with Indians."

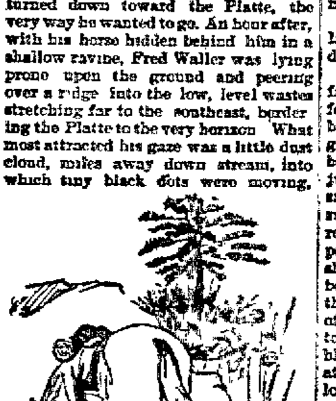
"That's what puzzles me, sir, but Brooks says there is no mistake. It's the cavalry shoe, of course. It's just after pay day at Robinson. Could it have been a deserter?"

"No man in his senses would have dared such a thing," is the impatient answer. "It may be some other infernal trick to get us away from our legitimate business. What we've got to do is reach that Sidney road by sunset. By Jove, if I'm court martialed for this business it won't surprise me!" And the captain's horse evidently felt the sudden grip of the knees, for he took a sudden spurt and set most of the troop at the nerve wearing jog trot. Mr. Park said nothing more, but for the life of him he could not help thinking of those lone hoof prints and of that solitary rider. Who could he be?

It is time we got back to him. Only one man or boy known to us at least, could have come that way. It was Trumpeter Fred.

Daybreak Friday had found him a few miles south of the Niobrara, and close to the Laramie road. At noon Friday he had halted at the Rawhide to rest his horse and take a bite of luncheon, but all his young soul was athrill with eagerness, every faculty was alert. Warned of the recent presence of Indians on every side, he was yet seeking to gain the Platte before nightfall, cross to the south bank, where there was comparative safety, ride southeastward until his horse was exhausted, picket him where grass and water were near at hand, sleep till dawn again, and then push on. He must reach the Sidney road before Sunday morning and strike it far below the river.

But here, as he neared the valley, a sight had met his eyes which made his young heart leap. The banks of the Rawhide were dotted here and there by fresh pony tracks, and, coming from the distant ridges to the east, they had gone in as though to water, and then turned down toward the Platte, the very way he wanted to go. An hour after, with his horse hidden behind him in a shallow ravine, Fred Waller was lying prone upon the ground and peering over a ridge into the low, level wastes stretching far to the southeast, bordering the Platte to the very horizon. What most attracted his gaze was a little dust cloud, miles away down stream, into which tiny black dots were moving,



A little dust cloud, miles away down stream.

with other little dots scurrying about at some distance from the main cluster. No need to tell him they were Indians.

It was some minutes before he could determine which way they were really going, but when he finally saw that they were bound down the valley the boy's heart beat high with hope. He could venture down to the Platte as soon as they had passed entirely out of sight and find some place to cross [illegible] to the [illegible] ed, and [illegible] they seemed to disappear [illegible] clump of timber. He waited [illegible] to 30 minutes, and they were still there.

Then it suddenly dawned upon him that the whole band were resting in the shade while their scouts searched the neighborhood. He was five or six miles from the river, and every inch of ground in front was open. He knew well that their eyes were keener than his, and should he make a dash for it they would certainly see and give chase. What he could not detect and did not dream of was that miles still farther away down the Platte one other dust cloud was slowly advancing—Wallace's troop coming up stream—and their scouts were watching that.

At last, after another hour of anxiety, he determined to slip away westward, go up the Rawhide a few miles until he could gain the shelter of some low lying ridges, cross the stream and, making a wide circuit, sweep around to the Platte. He might still reach it before dark and find a ford, or at least a place to swim across. He could trust Big Jim for that. But even as he would have put this plan in execution he saw to his dismay a sudden move among the warriors. Four little dots came riding from the timber and pushing back up the valley. These were only the advance. In half an hour the whole band came jogging leisurely out of the shadows, and little dots far to the east came streaking across the flats to join them. Fred saw that the whole war party was now retracing its steps and coming back up stream, and that now, if he waited, he might pursue his original intention of crossing at the shallows, ten miles below the mouth of the Rawhide. And so patiently and pluckily he kept his ground, Big Jim contentedly filling himself with buffalo grass the while, and not until the sun was low in the west did Fred realize their real intent. Just as the scouts, far in advance of the main party, reached the winding banks of the Rawhide, they seemed to hold brief consultation. One of them plunged through to the western side, the other three turned and came straight toward the watching boy.

Great heavens! It meant that the whole party was coming up the Rawhide and before dark would find and follow his track. Fred's first impulse was to mount and, giving Jim the spurs, ride on the wings of the wind back to the north—back to the Niobrara, where he had left the troop in bivouac. There at least was safety, for they could not trail him in the dark. But the second thought covered him with shame. Go back—go back now! Never, so long as he had a chance for life and hope. Away from here, and instantly he must speed on his mission, and in another moment his girth was tightened, and Big Jim, astonished, was racing away eastward, but keeping the sheltered ridge between him and the Platte.

CHAPTER XIII.

AWAY TO THE RESCUE!

That night Fred Waller slept fitfully on the open prairie, with Big Jim tethered close at hand. Saturday morning found him ten miles to the east and ten miles farther from the river than the point where he watched the Sioux the previous evening. Hungry and worn with anxiety as he was, the poor boy's heart sank within him when he cautiously peered over the ridge into the valley. After an early morning ride he saw the dust clouds near the stream and felt that he was still cut off. Noon was near when far as he could see up or down, the valley was clear, and then, creeping out from his lair, he again mounted and rode straight for the Platte. Warily he watched in every direction, but no intruders came. He was spurring over the flats only a mile from the river before the first sign of pursuit was made. Then far back toward the bluffs he had left, Fred saw a little party of warriors coming after him full tilt.

Never stopping for more than one glance he gave Jim the rein, urging him to full speed, marked, as he flashed across it only a few hundred yards from the bank, the trail of a cavalry command going up the valley and wondered whose it could be. Then he and Jim went crashing through the gravel at the water's edge and plunged boldly into the running stream. Deeper and deeper brave old Jim pushed in until the waters foamed about his broad and muscular breast. Then Fred threw himself from the saddle and, keeping tight hold of the pommel and steadying his carbine with the same hand, "Swim for it, old man!" he shouted to his gallant horse, and in another minute he and Jim were floating with the current, yet rapidly nearing the other shore. Three minutes, and, dripping wet, but safe, they were scrambling up the south bank and speeding away over the bounding turf with the baffled pursuers still two miles behind.

And these were the tracks that Wallace found as he came hurrying back down stream.

Saturday again Fred Waller and his faithful horse spent on the open prairie, for in the darkness he found it impossible to make his way. The moon was gone by 1 o'clock, and her light had been all too faint before. But Sunday, just a little after noon, he had come in sight of the goal he had sought through such infinite pluck and peril, the Sidney road, and as he gazed at it from afar, peering at it as usual from behind a sheltering bluff, his heart sank into his boots. He had come too late. There on that distant trail were the tiny columns of blue smoke floating skyward which told of burning wagons, now in crumbling ruins. Worse than that, here close at hand, over on the other side of the long, shallow swale, were twoscore Indian warriors in all their barbaric finery, excitedly watching the coming of other victims.

With a moan of anguish, Fred Waller marked, a mile beyond and rapidly approaching them, a four mule ambulance with a single soldier cantering along behind.

"Oh, my God, my God!" he groaned aloud. "I am too late after all!"

But the wagon halted on the distant hills. The Indians, absorbed in their catlike watch, were eagerly gesticulating and excitedly pointing to some object far beyond. Several of their numbers lashed their ponies into a tearing gallop and sped away in wide circuit to the southward, keeping the bluffs between them and the wagon. Others followed part of the distance. He knew the maneuver well. Already they were planning the surround. In [illegible] [illegible]

again he faced the southeast and saw, far away across the waves of prairie, a little puff of dust and a little black dot—a rider—coming full tilt in the wake of the wagon.

"Who can it be?" he wondered. "Can he possibly know of this ambuscade?"

All too late. A sudden flashing signal from the leader, and all at an instant, with trailing feathers, with war-cry and the thunder of many hoofs, the painted band has whirled across the ridge in front and is down in the dip beyond. Every Indian has vanished from his view and whirled into sight of the victims on the crest beyond.

In an instant, too, Fred Waller is in saddle and spurring on to the ridge which they have just left, and then once more he reins in where he can just peer over the crest. He notes with a cheer of joy that the charge is checked—that the Indians have veered off and are now dashing in a great circle around the central point on the height beyond. He sees the wild stampede and tangle of the mules, the overthrow of the ambulance, the quick, cool, resolute reply of two rifles. He marks with a glow of glad delight, of reviving hope, that there is not a woman or child with the party.

"Thank God!" he cries aloud. "It isn't Mrs. Charlton!" He waves his hat with exultation as he sees a pony stumbling in death upon the prairie and his rider limping painfully away. He knows now that they are soldiers holding their own for at least a time, and that all depends on getting aid for them before nightfall. Far up the valley on the other side he had marked at noon a dust cloud sailing slowly toward him. It must be the sorrels or the grays hastening back to clear the Sidney road. Here is the thing to do—gallop back, recross the river, meet and guide them to the rescue. There is still time to get them here before the sun goes down, if only the brave band can hold out that long.

One more glance he takes at the stirring picture before him, longing to drive a shot at the nearest Indians, and as he gazes there comes staggering, laboring into sight from around a point of bluff beyond the beleaguered party a horse all foam and blood, who goes plunging to earth only a few yards away from the ambulance and rolls stiffening and quivering in his death agony, but the gray haired old rider has leaped safely to the ground, and his carbine flashed its instant defiance at the yelling foe. Even at that distance there is no mistaking the well known form. Fred Waller's wondering eyes have recognized at once—his father!

Now indeed he speeds away for help. Now indeed has Jim to run for more than life. Turning his back upon the thrilling scene, the little trumpeter goes like a prairie gale, whirling back to the valley of the Platte.

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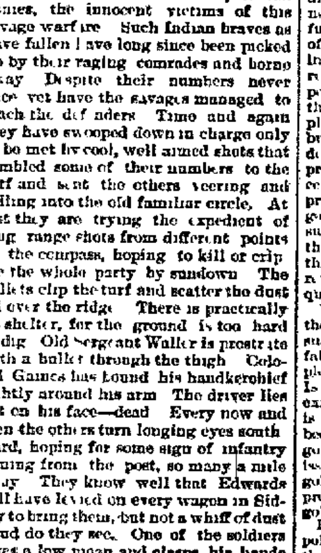
The sun is sinking behind the bluffs, and its last rays fall on a bullet riddled ambulance, on the stiffening bodies of a half dozen slaughtered animals—a horse and some mules, on a grim, determined little band of soldiers—two of them sorely wounded. The red shafts gleam on a litter of empty cartridge shells and tinge the canvas top of the overturned wagon. Out on the rolling prairie several hundred yards away the turf is dotted here and there by Indian ponies, the innocent victims of this savage warfare. Such Indian braves as have fallen have long since been picked up by their raging comrades and borne away. Despite their numbers never once yet have the savages managed to reach the defenders. Time and again they have swooped down in charge only to be met by cool, well aimed shots that tumbled some of their numbers to the turf and sent the others veering and yelling into the old familiar circle. At last they are trying the expedient of long range shots from different points of the compass, hoping to kill or cripple the whole party by sundown. The bullets clip the turf and scatter the dust all over the ridge. There is practically no shelter, for the ground is too hard to dig. Old Sergeant Waller is prostrate with a bullet through the thigh. Colonel Gaines has bound his handkerchief tightly around his arm. The driver lies flat on his face—dead. Every now and then the others turn longing eyes southward, hoping for some sign of infantry coming from the post, so many a mile away. They know well that Edwards will have levied on every wagon in Sidney to bring them, but not a whiff of dust cloud do they see. One of the soldiers gives a low moan and clasps his hands to his side, and Cross mutters between his set teeth, "Five minutes more of this will settle it."



"Look up, old man! Here's Fred himself."

But what means this sudden scurry and excitement among the besiegers? Why do they crowd and clamor there at the north? What can they see over that ridge beyond the little stream? Presently others join them, then more and more. Then there are whoops of rage and few ill aimed, scattering shots. Three or four of the red men ride daringly, tauntingly down, as though to resume the attack, and shout vile epithets in vilest English in response to the shots with which they are greeted, and then they, too, go riding away. "Lie down, you idiots!" yells Captain Cross to the two soldiers who would spring up to cheer, but a moment more and even the wounded wave their feeble hands and join in the triumphant shout. The ridge is cleared of every vestige of the foe. The warriors go speeding away eastward toward the Platte. Far out over the prairie, to the northeast, a troop of blue horsemen is driving in pursuit, and over the neighboring crest come a half dozen friendly forms and faces, spurring their foam flecked horses in the race.

"Look up, sergeant! Look up, old man! Here's Fred himself. Didn't I tell you he was no deserter?" It was Cross' voice, and it is Cross' strong arm that lifts the wondering, trembling veteran to his feet. The young fellow has leaped from his horse and is springing toward them. With a wondrous look of relief, of inexpressible joy, of gratitude beyond all words, of almost heaven born rapture mingled with the sunshine in his old face the sergeant stretches forth his trembling arms and cries aloud. "My boy! My boy!"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

It gives me pleasure to extend greeting to the Fifty-fifth congress, assembled in regular session at the seat of government, with many of whose senators and representatives I have been associated in the legislative service. Their meeting occurs under felicitous conditions, justifying sincere congratulations and calling for our grateful acknowledgement to a beneficent Providence which has so signally blessed and prospered us as a nation. Peace and good will with all the nations of the earth continue unbroken.

A matter of genuine satisfaction is the growing feeling of fraternal regard and unification of all sections of our country the incompleteness of which has too long delayed realization of the highest blessings of the Union. The spirit of patriotism is universal and is ever increasing in fervor. The public questions which now most engross us are lifted far above either partisanship, prejudice or former sectional differences. They affect every part of our common country alike and permit of no division on ancient lines. Questions of foreign policy, of revenue, the soundness of the currency, the inviolability of national obligations, the improvement of the public service appeal to the individual conscience of every earnest citizen to whatever party he belongs or in whatever section of the country he may reside.

Tariff legislation having been settled by the extra session of congress the question next pressing, for consideration is that of the currency.

CURRENCY REFORMS RECOMMENDED.

The work of putting our finances upon a sound basis difficult as it may seem, will appear easier when we recall the financial operations of the government since 1866. On June 30 of that year we had outstanding demand liabilities in the sum of $728,868,447.41. On Jan. 1, 1879 these liabilities had been reduced to $443,889,495.88. Of our interest bearing obligations the figures are even more striking. On July 1, 1866 the principal of the interest bearing debt of the government was $2,332,331,208. On July 1, 1893 this sum had been reduced to $585,037,100, or an aggregate of $1,747,294,108. The interest bearing debt of the United States on Dec. 1, 1897 was $847,365,620. The government money now outstanding (Dec. 1) consists of $346,681,016 of United States notes, $107,793,280 of treasury notes issued by authority of the law of 1890, $384,963,504 of silver certificates and $61,280,761 of standard silver dollars.

Before we can find the true remedy we must appreciate the real evil. It is not that our currency of every kind is not good, for every dollar of it is good; good because the government's pledge is out to keep it so, and that pledge will not be broken. However, the guaranty of our purpose to keep the pledge will be best shown by advancing towards its fulfillment.

The evil of the present system is found in the great cost to the government of maintaining the parity of our different forms of money, that is, keeping all of them at par with gold. We surely cannot be longer heedless of the burden this imposes upon the people, even under fairly prosperous conditions, while the past four years have demonstrated that it is not only an expensive charge upon the government but a dangerous menace to the national credit.

It is manifest that we must devise some plan to protect the government against bond issues for repeated redemption. We must either curtail the opportunities for speculation, made easy by the multiplied redemption of our demand obligations or increase the gold reserve for their redemption. We have $900,000,000 of currency which the government by solemn enactment has undertaken to keep at par with gold. Nobody is obliged to redeem in gold but the government. The banks are not required to redeem in gold. The government is obliged to keep equal with gold all its outstanding currency and coin obligations, while its receipts are not required to be paid in gold. They are paid in every kind of money but gold, and the only means by which the government can with certainty get gold is by borrowing. It can get it in no other way when it most needs it. The government without any fixed gold revenue, is pledged to maintain gold redemption which it has steadily and faithfully done and which under the authority now given, it will continue to do.

The law which requires the government, after having redeemed its United States notes to pay them out again as current funds demands a constant replenishment of the gold reserve. This is especially so in times of business panic and when the revenues are insufficient to meet the expenses of the government. At such times the government has no other way to supply its deficit and maintain redemption but through the increase of its bonded debt, as during the administration of my predecessor when $262,315,400 of 4½ per cent bonds were issued and sold and the proceeds used to pay the expenses of the government in excess of the revenues and sustain the gold reserve. While it is true that the greater part of the proceeds of these bonds were used to supply deficient revenues a considerable portion was required to maintain the gold reserve.

With our revenues equal to our expenses there would be no deficit requiring the issuance of bonds. But if the gold reserve falls below $100,000,000 how will it be replenished except by selling more bonds? Is there any other way practicable under existing law? The serious question then is shall we continue the policy that has been pursued in the past, that is when the gold reserve reaches the point of danger issue more bonds and supply the needed gold, or shall we provide other means to prevent these recurring drains upon the gold reserve?

If no further legislation is had and the policy of selling bonds is to be continued, then congress should give the secretary of the treasury authority to sell bonds at long or short periods, bearing a less rate of interest than is now authorized by law.

I earnestly recommend, as soon as the receipts of the government are quite sufficient to pay all the expenses of the government, that when any of the United States notes are presented for redemption in gold and are redeemed in gold, such notes shall be kept and set apart and only paid out in exchange for gold. This is an obvious duty. If the holder of the United States notes prefers the gold and gets it from the government, he should not receive back from the government a United States note without paying gold in exchange for it. The reason for this is made all the more apparent when the government issues an interest bearing debt to provide gold for the redemption of United States notes—a non-interest bearing debt. Surely it should not pay them out again except on demand and for gold. If they are put out in any other way they may return again, to be followed by another bond issue to redeem them—another interest-bearing debt to redeem a non interest bearing debt.

In my view it is of the utmost importance that the government should be relieved from the burden of providing all the gold required for exchanges and export. This responsibility is alone borne by the government without any of the usual and necessary banking powers to help itself.

The banks do not feel the strain of gold redemption. The whole strain rests upon the government and the size of the gold reserve in the treasury has come to be, with or without reason, the signal of danger or of security. This ought to be stopped.

I concur with the secretary of the treasury in his recommendation that National banks be allowed to issue notes to the face value of the bonds which they have deposited for circulation and that the tax on circulating notes secured by deposit of such bonds be reduced to one half of 1 per cent per annum. I also join him in recommending that authority be given for the establishment of National banks of a minimum capital of $25,000. This will enable the smaller villages and agricultural regions of the country to be supplied with currency to meet their needs.

I recommend that the issue of National bank notes be restricted to the denomination of $10 and upwards. If this suggestion I have herein made shall have the approval of congress then I would recommend that National banks be required to redeem their notes in gold.

CUBAN AFFAIRS OUTLINED

The most important problem with which this government is now called upon to deal pertaining to its foreign relations concerns its duty toward Spain and the Cuban insurrection.

The prospect from time to time that the weakness of Spain's hold upon the island and the present vicissitudes and embarrassments of the home government might lead to the transfer of Cuba to a continental power called forth between 1823 and 1860 various emphatic declarations of the policy of the United States to permit no disturbance of Cuba's connection with Spain unless in the direction of independence or acquisition by us through purchase, nor has there been any change of this declared policy since upon the part of the government.

The existing conditions cannot but fill this government and the American people with the gravest apprehension. There is no desire on the part of our people to profit by the misfortunes of Spain. We have only the desire to see the Cubans prosperous and contented, enjoying that measure of self-control which is the inalienable right of man, protected in their right to reap the benefit of the exhaustless treasures of their country.

The offer made by my predecessor in April 1896 tendering the friendly offices of this government failed. Any mediation on our part was not accepted. In brief the answer read:

"There is no effectual way to pacify Cuba unless it begins with the actual submission of the rebels to the mother country."

Then only could Spain act in the promised direction, of her own motion and after her own plans.

No solution was proposed to which the slightest idea of humiliation to Spain could attach, and indeed the precise proposals were withheld to avoid embarrassment to that government. All that was asked or expected was that some safe way might be speedily provided and permanent peace restored. It so chanced that the consideration of this offer, addressed to the same Spanish administration which had declined the tenders of my predecessor and which for more than two years had poured men and treasure into Cuba in the fruitless effort to suppress the revolt fell to others. Between the departure of General Woodford the new envoy and his arrival in Spain the statesman who had shaped the policy of his country fell by the hand of an assassin and although the cabinet of the late premier still held office, and received from our envoy the proposals he bore, that cabinet gave place within a few days thereafter to a new administration under the leadership of Sagasta.

The reply to our note was received on Oct 23d. It is in the direction of a better understanding.

In the absence of a declaration of the measures that this government proposes to take in carrying out its proffer of good offices it suggests that Spain be left free to conduct military operations and grant political reforms while the United States for its part shall enforce its neutrality obligations and cut off the assistance which it is asserted the insurgents receive from this country. The supposition of an indefinite prolongation of the war is denied. It is asserted that the western provinces are already well nigh reclaimed, that the planting of cane and tobacco therein has been resumed by force of arms and new and ample reforms very early and complete pacification is hoped for.

Throughout all these horrors and dangers to our own peace this government has never in any way abrogated its sovereign prerogative of reserving to itself the determination of its policy and course according to its own high sense of right and in consonance with the dearest interests and convictions of our own people should the prolongation of the strife so demand.

Of the untried measures there remains only: Recognition of the insurgents as belligerents, recognition of the independence of Cuba, neutral intervention to end the war by imposing a rational compromise between the contestants and intervention in favor of one or the other party. I speak not of forcible annexation, for that cannot be thought of. That by our code of morality, would be criminal aggression.

Recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents has often been canvassed as a possible if not inevitable step both in regard to the previous 10 years struggle and during the present war.

The wise utterances of President Grant in his memorable message of Dec. 7, 1875 are signally relevant to the present situation in Cuba, and it may be wholesome now to recall them. At that time a ruinous conflict had for seven years wasted the neighboring island. During all those years an utter disregard of the laws of civilized warfare and of the just demands of humanity which called forth expressions of condemnation from the nations of Christendom continued unabated.

At that juncture General Grant uttered these words which now as then sum up the elements of the problem:

"A recognition of the independence of Cuba being in my opinion impracticable and indefensible the question which next presents itself is that of the recognition of belligerent rights in the parties to the contest. In a former message to congress I had occasion to consider this question and reached the conclusion that the conflict in Cuba dreadful and devastating as were its incidents, did not rise to the fearful dignity of war. * * * It is possible that the acts of foreign powers, and even acts of Spain herself of this very nature might be pointed to in defense of such recognition.

"But now, as in its past history the United States should carefully avoid false lights which might lead it into the mazes of doubtful law and of questionable propriety and adhere rigidly and sternly to the rule which has been its guide of doing only that which is right and honest and of good report.

"The question of according or withholding rights of belligerency must be judged in every case in view of the particular attending facts. Unless justified by necessity, it is always, and justly regarded as an unfriendly act and a gratuitous demonstration of moral support to the rebellion.

"It is necessary and it is required when the interests and rights of another government or of its people are so far affected by a pending civil conflict as to require a definition of its relations to the parties thereto. But this conflict must be one which will be recognized in the sense of international law as war."

I regard the accordance of belligerent rights still to be an unwise and premature as I regard it to be at present, indefensible as a measure of right.

Turning to the practicable aspects of a recognition of belligerency and reviewing its inconveniences and positive dangers still further pertinent considerations appear. In the code of nations there is no such thing as a naked recognition of belligerency unaccompanied by the assumption of international neutrality. Such recognition without more will not confer upon either party to a domestic conflict a status not theretofore actually possessed or affect the relation of either party to other states.

For these reasons I regard the recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents as now unwise and therefore inadmissible. Should that step hereafter be deemed wise as a measure of right and duty the executive will take it.

That the government of Sagasta has entered upon a course from which recession with honor is impossible can hardly be questioned; that in the few weeks it has existed, it has made earnest of the sincerity of its professions is undeniable. I shall not impugn its sincerity nor should impatience be suffered to embarrass it in the task it has undertaken. It is honestly due to Spain and to our friendly relations with Spain that she should be given a reasonable chance to realize her expectations and to prove the asserted efficacy of the new order of things to which she stands irrevocably committed.

She has recalled the commander whose brutal orders inflamed the American mind and shocked the civilized world. She has modified the horrible order of concentration and has undertaken to care for the helpless and permit those who desire to resume the cultivation of their fields to do so and assures them the protection of the Spanish government in their lawful occupations. She has just released the Competitor prisoners, heretofore sentenced to death and who have been the subject of repeated diplomatic correspondence, during both this and the preceding administration.

Sure of the right, keeping free from all offense ourselves, actuated only by upright and patriotic considerations, moved neither by passion nor selfishness, the government will continue its watchful care over the rights and property of American citizens and will abate none of its efforts to bring about by peaceful agencies peace which shall be honorable and enduring.

GOVERNMENT FOR ALASKA.

The territory of Alaska requires the prompt and early attention of congress. The conditions now existing demand material changes in the laws relating to the territory. The great influx of population during the last summer and fall and the prospect of still larger immigration in the spring will not permit us to longer neglect the extension of civil authority within the territory or postpone the establishment of a more thorough government.

I concur with the secretary of war in his suggestions as to the necessity for a military force in the territory of Alaska for the protection of persons and property. Already a small force consisting of 25 men with two officers under command of Lieutenant Colonel Randall of the Eighth infantry has been sent to St. Michael to establish a military post.

As it is to the interest of the government to encourage the development and settlement of the country and its duty to follow up its citizens there with the benefits of legal machinery, I earnestly urge upon congress the establishment of a system of government with such flexibility as will enable it to adjust itself to the future areas of greatest population.

The startling though probably exaggerated reports from the Yukon river country of the probable shortage of food for the large number of people who are wintering there without means of leaving the country are confirmed in such measure as to justify bringing the matter to the attention of congress.

Access to that country in winter can be had only by the passes from Dyea and vicinity which is a most difficult and, perhaps an impossible task. However, should these reports of the suffering of our fellow citizens be further verified every effort at any cost should be made to carry them relief.

ANNEXATION OF HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

By special message I dated the 16th day of June last I laid before the senate a treaty signed that day by the plenipotentiaries of the United States and of the republic of Hawaii having for its purpose the incorporation of the Hawaiian Islands as an integral part of the United States and under its sovereignty.

The senate having removed the injunction of secrecy although the treaty is still pending before that body the subject may be properly referred to in this message because the necessary action of the congress is required to determine by legislation many details of the eventual union and the fact that [illegible] I believe it [illegible].

While consistently disavowing from a very early period any aggressive policy of absorption in regard to the Hawaiian group a long series of declarations through three-quarters of a century has proclaimed the vital interest of the United States in the independent life of the islands and their intimate commercial dependence upon this country.

At the same time it has been repeatedly asserted that in no event could the entity of Hawaiian statehood cease by the passage of the islands under the domination or influence of another power than the United States.

Under these circumstances [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] but declined [illegible] ripeness of time come about as the natural result of the strengthening of the ties that bind us to those islands and be realized by the free will of the Hawaiian state.

That treaty was unanimously ratified without amendment by the senate and president of the republic of Hawaii on Sept 10th last and only awaits the favorable action of the American senate to effect the complete absorption of the islands into the domain of the United States.

What the conditions of such a union shall be the political relation thereof to the United States the character of the local administration [illegible] [illegible] the laws [illegible] the regulation [illegible] all matters [illegible] has wisely relegated to the congress.

The questions which have arisen between Japan and Hawaii by reason of the treatment of Japanese laborers emigrating to the islands under the Hawaiian-Japanese convention of 1888 are in a satisfactory stage of settlement by negotiation. This government has not been invited to mediate and on the other hand has sought no intervention in that matter further than to evince its kindliest disposition toward such a speedy and direct adjustment by the two sovereign states in interest as shall comport with equity and honor.

It is gratifying to learn that the apprehensions at first displayed on the part of Japan lest the cessation of Hawaii's national life through annexation might impair privileges to which Japan honorably laid claim have given place to confidence in the uprightness of this government and in the sincerity of its purpose to deal with all possible ulterior questions in the broadest spirit of friendliness.

MONETARY CONFERENCE FUTILE

Under the provisions of the act of congress approved March 3, 1897, for the promotion of an international agreement respecting bimetallism, I appointed on the 14th day of April 1897, Hon. Edward O. Wolcott of Colorado, Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois and Hon. Charles J. Paine of Massachusetts as special envoys to represent the United States. They have been diligent in their efforts to secure the concurrence and co-operation of European countries in the international settlement of the question but up to this time have not been able to secure an agreement contemplated by their mission.

The gratifying action of our great sister republic of France in joining this country in an attempt to bring about an agreement among the principal commercial nations of Europe whereby a fixed and relative value between gold and silver shall be secured furnishes assurance that we are not alone among the larger nations of the world in realizing the international character of the problem and in the desire of reaching some wise and practical solution of it.

The British government has published a resume of the steps taken jointly by the French ambassador in London and the special envoys of the United States with whom our ambassador at London actively co-operated in the presentation of this subject to her majesty's government. This will be laid before congress.

Our special envoys have not made their final report as further negotiations between the representatives of this government and the governments of other countries are pending and in contemplation. They believe that doubts which have been raised in certain quarters respecting the position of maintaining the stability of the parity between the metals and kindred questions may yet be solved by further negotiations.

Meanwhile it gives me satisfaction to state that the special envoys have already demonstrated their ability and fitness to deal with the subject and it is to be earnestly hoped that their labors may result in an international agreement which will bring about recognition of both gold and silver as money upon such terms and with such safeguards as will secure the use of both metals upon a basis which shall work no injustice to any class of our citizens.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COUNTY.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of McKean County, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

C. A. DUKE.

Duke Center, Pa., Nov. 10, 1897.

TOWNSHIP.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Keating township, subject to the rules of the Republican party.

F. C. [illegible]

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J. H. STRATTON.

[illegible] Valley, Pa., Dec. 1, 1897.

[illegible], JR., of New York has got Hitched at last.

THE New York Tribune, Philadelphia Press, Inquirer, (Rep.) and Times (Dem.) all speak in the highest terms of the President's message.

LAST Tuesday at Washington, D. C., Congressman C. W. Stone presented the name of J. C. Gallup and recommended him for the postmastership at this place. This practically settles the matter.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR HON. WEBSTER DAVIS of St. Joseph, Mo., a cousin of County Commissioner Lemuel Davis, was born in Ebensburg, Cambria county, and may be selected to fill a Cabinet position.

THE Emperor of Germany, by sending two vessels of his fleet to Hayti, has succeeded in bulldozing the little republic and compelled the Haytians to pay an indemnity of $30,000 to Herr Luedors, a German who had been imprisoned for assault, and permit Luedors to return to Hayti. The Haytians were also compelled to salute the German flag.

EX-CONGRESSMAN F. C. LEONARD of Coudersport will undoubtedly be appointed revenue collector of the 12th Pennsylvania district, with headquarters at Pittsburg. Congressman H. C. Packer has displayed considerable shrewdness in securing this appointment for Mr. Leonard, as it removes a very strong opponent for the congressional nomination and leaves the field practically to Mr. Packer.

MAJOR THOMAS W. SYMONS of the United States Engineer Corps was appointed to make a survey and report to Congress as to the feasibility of constructing a ship canal from the Atlantic ocean to the Great Lakes. Major Symons has made out a very fair and lengthy report and his views are strongly against the construction of such a water way for ocean steamers. The cost of construction and maintenance would be too great for the amount of traffic that would pass through.

ON the first and fourth pages will be found the President's message to Congress in full. The message is complete, covering all points of interest both foreign and domestic, and meets with general approval by the leading Republican statesmen. While, on the other hand, Democratic journals and statesmen condemn the message in toto. If Congress follows out the President's suggestions on the important questions before the country there is no doubt but what we will safely tide over all difficulties.

THE Clearfield Republican hits the nail squarely on the head in the following terse language, and it certainly is a matter that should be strictly attended to: "The next Pennsylvania Legislature should pass a law giving county commissioners the power to establish training schools for election boards. Clearfield county is not an exception, we know, but some of the returns made to our court of elections held, are a disgrace to a civilized community. Men who can barely write their names sit on election boards and others who know as little as possible about our laws are chosen as judges, and these men pass upon the qualifications of voters. As long as election officers are chosen without regard to fitness the only remedy lies in establishing training schools."

REPUBLICANS' DUTY.

Next year the Republican party of this county will have two candidates for Assembly to elect, as well as a county treasurer. There will also be a Governor, Congressman and two Congressmen-at-Large to elect.

There is a duty devolving upon every Republican voter in the county; to strive to his utmost to see that honest and capable men are nominated for office, and there is no fear of the result. Do not nominate a person for office who possesses no qualification or fitness for the same, simply because he has been a life-long Republican and party worker. Such men may become offended, but it is better to offend such a man than to have the party suffer defeat because of the nomination of a man wholly unfit.

The spirit of distrust and unrest that caused so many Republicans in the last campaign to vote for Swallow, the Prohibition candidate for State Treasurer, is still abroad in the old Commonwealth. These men are still true to the grand old party, as was clearly demonstrated by their refusal to vote for Thompson the Independent Republican candidate, choosing to vote the Prohibition ticket rather than be counted as [illegible] in their own ranks. These men took this course to show their disapproval of certain transactions in State matters that have been going on lately. They have shown their independence; the warning has been given, and it is to be hoped that it will not go unheeded.

[illegible] the duty of every [illegible] who has the welfare [illegible], to put his [illegible] so that the [illegible]

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, 1897.

Had President McKinley followed the example of his immediate predecessor, who rarely finished one of his messages to Congress until the day before Congress met, his message would not have been ready, but he completed the message a week ago, and did not have that on his mind while traveling to the bedside of his stricken mother, from which he returned to Washington to perform the duties incumbent upon him at the opening of the session of Congress. As soon as those duties were performed he started for Canton again, to perform a more painful duty, carrying with him the sorrowful sympathies of the whole country.

Three P's, patriotism, peace, and prosperity form the keynote of President McKinley's annual message to Congress. His treatment of the annexation of Hawaii, the Cuban and other foreign questions, including that of commercial reciprocity, is patriotic to the core, without the slightest trace of jingoism, and his treatment of the financial and other domestic questions is that of a man who only desires that which will continue and increase the prosperity the country is now beginning to enjoy.

In addition to getting a first class man to fill the important position of Attorney General, President McKinley's choice of Gov. John W. Griggs, of N. J., to fill the vacancy in the Cabinet that will be made by the nomination of Attorney General McKenna to succeed Justice Field, who retired from the U. S. Supreme Court last week, after having served there longer than any of his predecessors, is considered to be a good political move—one that will aid materially in keeping New Jersey in the Republican column, and the wish is general that Gov. Griggs will accept the tendered portfolio.

The activity in certain quarters in efforts to make the public believe that there is some doubt about the annexation of Hawaii, indicates that some money is being spent for purpose of creating anti-annexation sentiment. If so, it is bieng thrown away, as annexation is absolutely sure to come before the close of this session of Congress. Two-thirds of the Senate are ready at any time to vote for the ratification of the annexation treaty, but the rules of the Senate put it in the power of the opponents—not more than twenty at the outside—to delay the vote. Should it become apparent that this power is being used for filibustering purposes, annexation will be secured by legislation, which will only need a majority vote.

The more conservative element in Congress is strongly in favor of making this session as short as possible. This sentiment was voiced by Representative Heatwole, of Minn., when he said: "In my opinion, this Congress should get through its routine work by May 1, and adjourn. The smallest amount of legislation will be of the greatest benefit to the country; and if we can finish and go home by that date, a good many millions of our countrymen will rise up and call us blessed." Speaker Reed says he sees no excuse at present for making the session a very long one.

Nothing of more general benefit to the morals of the country has been done lately than the official announcement of the Post Office Department that the mails would hereafter be closed to newspapers that print missing-letter word contests, or any other kind of advertising matter containing chance or lottery schemes. Some of the most daring swindling of the age has been conducted by this class of advertisers, all of which violated the spirit, if not the letter, of the anti-lottery law.

Inasmuch as about $20,000,000 will be expended upon river and harbor improvments, under contracts previously made, during the next fiscal year, there is quite a strong feeling in Congress in favor of omitting the the usual river and harbor appropriation at this session. No agreement to that effect has actually been made, but it will not be surprising should that be the result of the exchanges of opinion on the subject now going on.

THE LOTTERY LAW.

As there are many people in this section who are inclined to get up raffles and other games of chance, we publish the law on lotteries which covers the ground:

"Sec. 268. If any person shall, within this State, either publicly or privately, erect, set up, open, make or draw any such lottery as aforesaid, or be in any way concerned in the managing, conducting or carrying on the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, and undergo an imprisonment, by separate and solitary confinement at labor, not exceeding one year.

"Sec. 269. If any person shall sell, or expose to sale, or caused to be sold or exposed to sale, or shall barter or exchange, or cause or offer to be bartered or exchanged, or shall advertise, or cause to be advertised, for sale, barter or exchange, any lottery ticket, or share, or any part thereof, or any lottery policy or any writing, certificate, bill, token or other device purporting or intending to entitle, or represented as entitling, the holder or bearer, or any other person, to any prize to be drawn in any lottery, or any part of such prize, or any interest therein, or shall, in any newspaper, magazine or periodical owned or controlled by him, publish or cause to be published any advertisement of any lottery ticket, share, policy, writing, certificate, bill, token or device aforesaid, or of any lottery drawing or lottery scheme, or any prospectus, scheme or other advertisement of any company, association, corporation, partnership, individual or individuals conducting, managing or controlling any lottery, or acting as agent therefor; such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction be sentenced to an imprisonment, by separate and solitary confinement at labor, not exceeding two years and pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or both, or either, at the discretion of the court."

The Surprise of All.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develope into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at A. B. Armstrong & Co's Drug Store.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

It is easy to catch a cold and just as easy to get rid of it if you commence early to use One Minute Cough Cure. It cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. It is pleasant to take, safe to use and sure to cure. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Miss Allie Hughes of. Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Billiard Table For Sale.

I have a billiard table, etc., in good order that I will sell very cheap. Call on or address. FRED J. [illegible], 45-4 Clermont, Pa.

DUN'S REPORT.

The monthly report of failures, made only by R. G. Dun & Co., shows defaulted liabilities of $11,610,195 in November against $12,790,856 last year. Because of three large failures for $3,256,000, not due to present conditions, the aggregate in November was only $1,100,000 less than last year, and except for these would have been smaller than in August, September or October. The decrease in nearly all branches of business shows that payments have been remarkably good and defaults unusually small. Other evidences of the state of business are convincing, except in speculative lines. Wages have been voluntarily advanced for nearly 30,000 workers in woolens and iron. Stocks are somewhat stronger, having advanced $1.47 for railways and $1.37 for trusts. The true value of American railway stocks is steadily rising with earnings, which for November thus far are 20.9 per cent. larger than last year, and 3.7 per cent. in the same weeks of 1892.

It is the season for waiting in most industries, but at least one other furnace has gone into blast, and the lowest price of Bessemer at Pittsburg, after purchase of 30,000 tons, is $10.15 per ton, with $9.25 for Grey Forge. No change appears of consequence in quotations at Chicago and eastern markets. Eastern holders are sometimes impatient and yet sure that January will bring a large demand, and meanwhile the award of ship plate contracts to eastern firms gives them important help, though the demand for bars is slow at the East and at Pittsburg, but is really strong at Chicago for agricultural and railway supplies. There are also considerable orders for rails at the western markets. Structural orders are strictly in obeyance but contracts for pipe for London elicit sharp bidding at Pittsburg.

The boot and shoe manufacture has shipped from Boston 106,429 cases, or over 35 per cent. more than in 1892 during the month of November, and has this year unusual encouragement because orders are practically all to meet the winter's needs, and manufacturers have yet the whole of next season's orders to come. While some jobbers are paying higher prices asked, the waiting policy is still general, but the distribution has so far outrun purchases that dealers have to buy as best they can for winter needs. Leather is bought only for necessities, and hides are practically unchanged at Chicago.

AT the Pennsylvania State College, Center county, Pa., a column has been erected which is composed of 281 samples of building stones procured from 139 localities in the State. The base block is of conglomerate 6 by 6 by 2.5 feet; the base of column is 5 feet square; the height of column is 32.7 feet; and the weight 53.4 tons. This polylith, constructed by the school of mines, forms a comprehensive display of the natural resources of the State in structural materials, geologically arranged. It is a prospecting guide to the explorer for stone, and furnishes a comparative test of its durability by an equal exposure of all the quarry products to atmospheric influences.—Scientific American.

TITLED aristocrats are not lookd for in American politics, but McKean county will have a chance to vote for a Duke in the near future.—Era.

Don't get "Bouyed" up too much, for you may hear before long the music floating over the hills, "the Campbells are coming."

CALIFORNIA.

Personally Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

America is a great country. In variety and grandeur of natural scenery it is unrivaled. Its wooded heights, its fertile valleys, its boundless plains, its rugged and rocky mountains, its great lakes, its balmy slopes are the admiration of all mankind. To traverse this great country, to behold its diversities and its wonders, is a liberal education, a revelation to the immured metropolitan citizen. The personally-conducted tour to California under the direction of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company which leaves New York on January 8, 1898, affords a most excellent opportunity to view the vast variety and boundless beauty of this marvelous land. The party will travel westward in special Pullman cars in charge of a tourist agent and chaperon, stopping en route at Omaha, Denver, Colorado Springs, Manitou, Garden of the Gods, Glenwood Springs and Salt Lake City. In California visits will be made to Monterey and the famous Hotel Del Monte, Santa Cruz, San Jose, Los Angles, San Deigo, Riverside, San Bernardino, Redlands and Pasadena. The party will return on the "Golden Gate Special," the finest train that crosses the continent, leaving Los Angeles February 2, and stopping at Tucson, El Paso, and St. Louis. Eighteen days will be spent in California. Round trip rate, including all necessary expenses during entire trip, $315 from all points on the Pennsylvania railroad system east of Pittsburg; $310 from Pittsburg. For itinerary and full information apply to ticket agents, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold thad Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction.—Oologah, Ind. Ter. Chief.

This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumonia. Among the many thousands who have used it for colds and la grippe we have never yet learned of a single case having resulted in pneumonia. Persons who have weak lungs or have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, should keep the remedy at hand. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of constipation and sick headache. For malaria and liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold A. B. Armstrong & Co., druggists.

A Great Deal

of unnecessary expenditure of time and money may be saved if you will only keep a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in the house. Nine-tenths of all ordinary sickness is from the stomach; keep that organ in proper condition and all will be well. Syrup Pepsin is a specific. Trial size bottles 10c, large size 50c and $1.00 of A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Mrs. M. B. Ford, Raddells, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

For Rent.

On Oct. 1st the rooms over Lemmler's harness shop will be vacant. These are fine rooms and the rent is reasonable. Inquire of R. C. GLEASON, 35-tf Smethport, Pa.

J. A. Perkins of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

About Perfumes.

Strong light destroys perfumes. We keep ours out of the window so can guarantee them.

48-21 A. B. ARMSTRONG & Co

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

A gift for Christmas; that makes everyone think. Why not get a crayon of Gleason. Order at once for Christmas.

Good house and lot for sale. Inquire at this office or of the undersigned.

42 M. S. COMES.

The milk that is furnished by Dodge & Sherburne cannot be excelled by anyone.

DOLLARS AND CENTS.

DUKE CENTER, PA., Dec. 1, '97.

To the voters of McKean County:

Reason why every citizen of this county should be solid in support of my candidacy for county treasurer.

I am aware of an item in the management of this office whereby all taxpayers will be largely benefited, namely: The public money that is deposited in our banks, should have a fair interest return for its use, which the public is entitled to—why this has not been done before, I am unable to say. You can readily see a great saving to you all—hundreds and hundreds of dollars annually.

If I am elected to this office by the people of McKean county, I go on record promising that the public money deposited in the banks shall draw a fair rate of interest and the taxpayers shall have the benefit of it. Give this your careful thought. The above proposition, in all fairness, should entitle me to your suffrage. I am in the hands of all the people. What will be your decision? I am,

Very Truly Yours,
C. A. DUKE.

It is Strange

that some people who say they never read patent medicine advertisements will be found lugging home every now and then a bottle of some favorite remedy of theirs. We don't bother you with much reading matter but just ask you to try a 10c trial bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin for constipation, indigestion and stomach troubles. 50c and $1.00 sizes. At A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

A. B. Armstrong & Co. guarantee the American Silver Truss to give entire satisfaction or refund money.

TUESDAY, DEC. 14TH.

FREE EYE EXAMINATION.

Tears Without Grief,

Do you shed them?

Can you read fine print without shedding tears? Do your eyes ache when you read by lamp light? Does the wind or strong light cause them to water? If your sight is defective we can help you. We can tell you precisely how to correct the defect which your eyes suffer.

Prof. HOUSEWORTH,
Eye Specialist,
Formerly with Queen & Co., Phila.
At the store of
M. L. ARMSTRONG.

For a
FINE, HOT OYSTER STEW
Step into the
Novelty Restaurant.
New York Counts,
Clams, Cigars and
Fine Confectioneries
Always on Hand.
THOMAS YOUNG, PROP'R.

Are You Losing Your Hair?

IT Stops falling hair and makes the hair grow. Removes Dandruff. It is not a dye in any sense. It is a restorer in every sense.

No more grey hair after using this remedy. Contains no oil—is not sticky or gummy. Mail orders filled. Price $1.00.

For sale at all drugstores, or by
CHAS. A. DREFS,
Chemist,
20 Broadway, Buffalo.

Possibly You Have Lost It.

nov.19 4mo.

Send it by
TELEGRAPH!

Plant your order now for
CHRISTMAS.

"Tears are nothing but salt water." If you do not take advantage of some of my offerings you will soon be able to start a little ocean of your own,

There is nothing in the Watch or Jewelry line that I connot save you money on.

Any order for Diamonds, Jewelry, Silverware or Novelties will receive prompt and careful attention.

I have a good Bicycle joke to tell you later.

M. L. ARMSTRONG,
Smethport, Pa.

Stark's Steam Laundry.

First-Class Work. Up-to-Date Prices.

I am prepared, having employed a practical laundryman, to do everything in my line. Family washing a specialty.

Laundry called for Mondays and Wednesdays and delivered when ordered. WORK GUARANTEED.

Backus Block, SMETHPORT, PA.
Wash Stark, Manager and Proprietor.

Fresh Home Made Candy at
Brasted's

Mason's Xmas
China
Celery Trays
Hair Boxes
Bon-Bon Trays
Sweet-meat Trays
In Haviland
Cake Plate
Cups and Saucers
Comb and Brush Tray
Royal
Worcester
Cups and Saucers
Banquet Lamps
Whist Prizes
Mason's Hardware,
Smethport, Pa.

Winter
Is
Here
and now is the
time to buy
Cutters and Sleighs,
Blankets and Robes.
We have the only replete stock in Olean and the price to suit the times.
Oak Leather Harness & Carriage Co.,
192 Union Street,
OLEAN, N. Y.
Sign GRAY HORSE.

Leonard Koenig,
located near the creamery, is prepared to do all kinds of
PAINTING
AND
DECORATING.
UPHOLSTERING
Always done neatly and promptly. Latest styles of coverings on hand.
Smethport, - Penna.

BRASS & NICKEL
NOVELTY WORKS
Emporium, Pa.
Having erected one of the best Brass Furnaces in the State, we are prepared to turn out the best of
CASTINGS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.
Also plating in
Gold, Silver and Nickel,
From a Spoon to a Bicycle.
ADDRESS:
Brass and Nickel Novelty Works,
Emporium, Pa.

SANTA CLAUS!
Here once more,
At the same old place,
WELLS' DRUG STORE.

VASES.
One of our best lines. We are proud of this selection of dainty and seasonable gifts.
Price will certainly suit you.

BOOKS
For people of all ages. Have you seen our green edition at 35c; 3 for $1.00 (not 50c each)

PERFUMES.
Our reputation for good Perfumes is established. Always the best at reasonable prices—
10c to $5.00.

Silver Novelties
Are selling rapidly—cause is apparent

Celluloid Goods, Leather Goods, Toilet Sets, Traveling Sets, Smokers' Sets. Collar and Cuff Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, Etc., Etc.

Children's Palace.
The place where Games, Toys, Blocks, Dolls, Engines, Horses, Stoves, Drums, Sad Irons, Ten Pins, Dishes, Dresses and hundreds of other presents for our Girls and Boys are found in profusion.

Wells' Drug Store,
SMETHPORT, PA.
Opera House Block.

THIS IS
Everybody's Opportunity.
Go to store of D. C. Young and buy your goods at old prices, before the advance which is sure to come. I have just returned from the city where I have bought for cash the finest stock of General Merchandise ever brought into town.

A LITTLE MONEY
Will provide a large family with Clothing, Boots, Shoes and Groceries at my store for the coming Winter. We are all looking for bargains. I have them for you; my store is full of them. Here are a few:

Good Tea at 25c a pound; good Coffee at 12 1-2 cts a pound; Women's Fleece Lined Vests 25c, and Drawers to match at same price; combination suits 50c. A nice line of Dress Goors at 10c to 25c a yard. 25c will buy your boy a good Winter cap, and 50c will buy him a pair of pants.

I only mention a few articles, but invite you to my store to look over my immense stock and note the prices. If you do not see what you want, please ask for it.

D. C. YOUNG.
Oct. 1, 1897. SMETHPORT, PENN'A.

In Order to
KEEP UP WITH THE ELECTRIC AGE
and make our store headquarters for the
Christmas Spirit
We call your attention to us. Especially in the book line. FANCY BOOKLETS, THE LATEST NOVELS, BIBLES, PRAYER BOOKS. We desire that you call and look over this line before making orders to department stores, as we have the goods and are determined to make the price so that you will purchase at home.
McCoy's Drug Store,
Odd Fellows' Block. SMETHPORT, PA.

Fall Millinery.
My stock has recently arrived and for style and quality it cannot be excelled.
FALL AND WINTER DRESS GOODS.
My new stock of single patterns is unequalled in this section. All the latest patterns—no two alike.
LADIES' FURNISHINGS.
Everything in this line that the most fanciful could desire. Don't fail to see my stock before purchasing.
Mrs. E. E. Chambers,
SMETHPORT, PA.

CHRISTMAS.
This magnificent stock is at your service. You find some gifts elsewhere. Nearly all gifts are here. This variety insures satisfaction. Our prices are lower than competitors can meet. At this time of all times every consideration invites you to this store.

Toy Department
Every toy that Christmas brings to anybody is in one room here.
1500 Dolls—10c to $6.00.
200 kinds of toys.
150 different games.
Hobby Horses.
Iron Toys—all kinds.
All Doll Furniture.
New kinds of Doll Carriages.
Toy Carpet Sweepers—50c.
Tool Chests.
40 kinds of sleds—40c up.

China Department
Our own importations from every China-making country.
100 Styles Dinner Sets—$6.75 up.
New Toilet Sets—$2.50 up.
Breakfast and Tea Sets.
Soup Sets—Fish Sets, etc.
Sole agents for Haviland Ware.
Fancy Chinca from every country—Japan to Austria.
Bric-a-brac and Pottery.
White China for decorating.
Sibley's latest Cut Glass.

Silverware and Jewelry
Standard and honest wares at the lowest prices anybody asks.
Gorham's and Whitney's solid wares.
Sets in white kid cases.
The four best makes of plated wares.
Wm. Rogers' flat ware.
100 Silver Novelties—50c and up.
Solid silver brush and comb, $5.00.
American watches—$3.00 up.
Sole agents for the best Swiss watches.
Little Chatalain watches.
Clocks in every modern style.
A $20,000 stock of diamonds.
All of Rogers & Gallet's $5.00 perfumes.

Gifts for Everybody
Our variety in everything is as complete as in the largest cities.
Demorest $55 Sewing Machine—$19.50.
Bissell's Carpet Sweepers.
Banquet Lamps at special prices.
The best Lamp ever sold at $2.00.
New self-pouring tea pots.
New Princess Lamps.
The most unique umbrellas.
Onyx Stands—Jardinieres.
Gold pens—fountain pens.
Pocketbooks and card cases.
Smoking Sets.
All kinds of mirrors.

These are but a few suggestions. Our store is filled.

EMERY & WEAVER.
L. Emery, Jr., & Co.,
BRADFORD, PENN'A.

LEATHER GOODS.
The finest assortment of Ladies' and Gents' Pocket Books, Traveling Cases, Card Cases, Etc., ever shown in Smethport.
We will also have a new line of Pictures at prices from 75c to $10 each.
Bibles, Hymnals, Prayer Books and Testaments.
Stationery and Toilet Articles, Drugs and Medicines, at
Armstrong & Co.'s,
Opposite Court House. SMETHPORT, PA.

Fall and Winter
MILLINERY GOODS
are here and the new designs and shapes are more stylish and beautiful than ever before, if such a thing is possible. The stock was personally selected by me. A visit to any of the stores is well worth your time, and if you contemplate buying you will be the winner.
Mrs. J. W. Reilly,
SMETHPORT, PA.
OLEAN BRANCH,
105 State Street.

Where are We at?
Our Office is at
Smethport, McKean County, Pa.
HOO-HOO.
BUT
We are with You if you wish to Buy
Lumber
Lath
Shingles
Siding
Flooring
Ceiling
Moulding
Doors
Windows
Screens
Glass.
Only a sample order will convince you that You're with Us
Call and see us, or write us for quotations.
HOLMES & GILFILLAN.

STOP! READ! and REFLECT!
And then go to
BROWNELL BROTHERS,
Where you will find a carefully and well selected stock of
DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,
FURNISHING GOODS,
HATS, CAPS. BOOTS and SHOES.
AND A CHOICE LINE OF THE
FINEST GROCERIES
TO BE FOUND IN TOWN AT
ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.,

DEALERS IN

General Merchandise.

SMETHPORT, PA., Dec. 10, 1897.

DEAR READER:—

We announce to you to-day the arrival at our store of an extensive collection of the useful and the beautiful in Christmas wares.

It has been our study this season to get together a wide range of the practical along with the merely ornamental.

With our announcement we invite your presence in our establishment and respectfully solicit your patronage.

Very Truly Yours,
F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.

New, Bright, Beautiful

A Few Suggestions.

Medallions,
Picture Frames,
Pictures,
Baskets,
Art Goods,
Books,
Toys and Games,
Neckties,
Mufflers,
Umbrellas,
Slippers,
Gloves,
Furs,
Handkerchiefs.

CANDIES & NUTS.

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO.,

Dec. 10. **Smethport, Penn'a,**

CRAYONS!

You want one. Am now enabled to furnish fine crayons for Christmas at lowest possible prices. These are extra fine and you will think so if you get one. Nothing better for a gift.

PICTURES!

Carbonettes, Cabinets, Views, etc., all up to date and as good as you can get anywhere.

"IKE" BLEASON, The Photographer,
Smethport, Pa.

"SHOES."

We will send to any responsible person SHOES to select from. We have everything in

Fine Shoes

In styles and quality that cannot be purchased in any small town. We make a specialty of FINE SHOES, every width and size.

BURT & PACKARD'S Korrect Shape Shoes for Men. We refer you to our many customers in Smethport.

R. W. Bleodsworth & Co.,
Olean, N. Y.

McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, DEC. 10, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Come to the Farmers Insitute.

—Giffords' mill was shut down for the season last Tuesday.

—Dr. F. C. Pierce has a change of adv. this week. Read it.

—Note the change in the time table of the B., B. & K. R'y.

—Let everyone say a word in favor of a postal savings bank.

—Young's Minstrels Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 14 and 15.

—You can't afford to miss it! What? Why the Farmers' Institute.

—Olean expects to secure a silk manufactory. May her hopes be realized.

—Hosworth, the optician, will be at M. L. Armstrong's Tuesday, Dec. 14.

—There will be a dance at the Chadwick House, Larabee, Wednesday, Dec. 15.

—Will O'Reilly of Open Brook mention of whom was made last week, is improving.

—Read Marcus' holiday cloak sale adv. on the first page. He offers rare bargains.

—S. Hicks, optician, of Kane will be at the Palace Pharmacy on Tuesday, Dec 21. Read adv.

—Col. N. H. Parker died at his home at Gardeau last Wednesday, aged 88 years. Funeral this afternoon.

—Once more your attention is called to the Farmers' Institute to be held at the court house Dec. 20 and 21.

—Don't fail to read the new adv. of Ford's Red Front. They give you the advantage of rare bargains.

—Uncalled for letters at the postoffice for the week ending Dec. 4: James Grant, Maud L. McCollister.

—The Republican primaries for Keating township will be held at the regular polling places, Jan. 22, 1898.

—One of our bright young men is anxious to join a foot ball team next year. He can almost touch down now.

—Lost—between Mrs. A. E. Burdick's and Judge Morrison's—a bundle of plaid silk. Please return to this office.

—While attending court next week remember the latch string of the MINER office hangs outside. Give us a call.

—O. E. Barrett, the popular miller on the south side will please accept our thanks for a fine sack of buckwheat flour.

—A mid-holiday musical benefit will be given in the opera house about Dec. 27 or 28. Full particulars will be given later.

—Hands without head is no better than head without hands.—Ex. But the two united and properly employed are a power.

—When Lambert Wagner broke out of his cell last Thursday he crawled through a hole in the door that was less than 9x12 inches.

—The temperance lectures at the M. E. church this week have been well attended and quite a number have signed the pledge.

—McKean county has forty-six inmates in the Warren asylum and it cost the county $987.75 for the quarter ending Dec. 1.

—Marsh advertises fine China for Christmas this week. Nothing finer outside the large cities. Carefully peruse the adv.

—The widows and widowers of our town can give the young people cards and spades in the matrimonial race and then win the prize. Keep your eye out for some marriages to take place in the near future.

—See Leonard Koenig's new upholstering adv. in another column. He has just what you want in that line of goods and is bound to please you.

—The farmer who during the long winter evenings carefully studies works on agriculture may be looked for to have better crops next summer.

—Frank Backus and E. T. Daly will please accept the thanks of the MINER man for some fine spare rib, kindly donated by each of these gentlemen.

—L. Emery, Jr., & Co., mention holiday goods this week. Everything to please the old and young can be found at their immense store. Be sure to read the adv.

—Herman Sasse invited about 35 of his friends to a cotton-tail supper at Ives' restaurant and all went home loud in their praise of Herman and his entertainment.

—Oil producers near Wellsville are using dynamite instead of glycerine for shooting wells, and are meeting with marked success in its use. They claim it is less dangerous.

—M. L. Armstrong comes out in a double quarter this week and tells you that he can sell jewelry cheaper than you can get it elsewhere. He also has something to say about watches.

—F. G. Lindholm & Co., have a broad guage adv. in this issue. Their stock of holiday goods is complete in every detail and you had better give them a call at once and make your selections.

—County Commissioner Lemuel Davis went to Kane Tuesday to appoint an assessor for the new ward in Kane. The court has recently issued an order granting the division of the Second Ward.

—Probably the Smethport prisoners were playing football.—Bradford Era. Yes, and if the Sheriff were to give them what they deserved they would be wearing a ball and chain for such malicious conduct.

—Do not fail to attend the performance of Young's Minstrels at the opera house next Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Everything new—songs, dances and farces. Don't miss seeing Cort. Corwin, "King of the slack wire."

—Last Wednesday morning the Bradford Era entered upon its 21st year of marked success. The Era is a most welcome daily visitor and every article in its columns of well edited news is carefully perused by us. May continued prosperity be its portion.

—According to the Ridgway Advocate Elk county young men who escort their fair "dulcines" home after nightfall are almost frightened to death by ghosts, while on their way home alone. Ghosts are harmless, Bro. Baker; don't let your best girl go home alone hereafter.

—Everybody is cordially invited to attend the lecture of C. J. Hall of Buffalo, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., in the M. E. and Baptist churches each evening during the week. Union service in the M. E. church, Sunday morning, also union service in the Baptist church Sunday evening.

—The following is the week's program for the C. L. S. C., Tuesday, Dec. 14, "Imperial Germany," Mary L. Keenan; "The Social Spirit in America," Ida A. Shooke; A paper—"Moltke's Life and Career," Mrs. M. E. Richmond; "The Supreme Court of the United States," Helen S. Morrison.

—The following communication was handed in for publication: Mrs. J. Southwick, a former resident of this section, but now residing in Ohio is almost 90 years of age. She was the oldest of a family of ten children, John Corwin being the youngest, who died a year ago at the age of 78 years.

—Florence Switzer, an aged German citizen of Olean, dropped dead last Sunday afternoon in the office of Dr. A. E. Smith, aged 72 years. He had gone there on an errand and made a complaint that it was quite warm. The doctor told him to take a chair and shortly afterwards he fell to the floor, expiring almost instantly.

—Report of the East Smethport school, grammar department: Following are the pupils who were in regular attendance during third month of school: Lloyd King, Walter Varney, Joe Warshofsky, Claud Hackett, Rena Allen, Frankie Allen, Mabel Lynch, Alice Lynch, Pearl Oviatt, Crystal Wormer. Mary R. Mullin, teacher.

—H. C. Wells comes out this week with a big advertisement in which are named a few of the myriad of Christmas articles to be found in his mammoth stock. If in doubt what to get for the "little ones" as well as the "big ones" give Wells' popular establishment a call and look over his matchless assortment of appropriate gifts.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday the services will be at 7:30 and 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. The second of a series of short addresses to young people will be given at the evening service on the subject, "The Value of Time." All are invited and asked to take a hearty part in the service and in the singing of the well-known hymns.

—At the regular meeting of Smethport Hose Co. last Friday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Foreman, Sam Ramer; 1st Ass't Foreman, E. M. Kerns; 2nd Ass't Foreman, Garth Ramsey; President, T. F. Richmond; Vice President, Frank Kerns; Secretary, Hom Knapp; Treasurer, M. L. Armstrong; Trustees, James McGuler, Henry Stever and S. S. Fry.

—One of our esteemed exchanges says. "Even X-rays couldn't locate the soul of a person who is small enough to take the paper for three or four years and then refuse to pay for it." Such a person has no soul. He isn't worthy of even a boot sole.

—The health authorities of Indianapolis say that diphtheria and other contagious diseases are spread in that city by the use in common by school children of penholders and lead pencils. These are gathered in a box each evening and redistributed the next day to different pupils. In this way a pencil finds its way into the mouths of scores of children.—Globe Democrat.

—John Smith of Ormsby has entered into a contract with Bayer, Smith & Co. of Clermont to drill a well in Bloomster Hollow. Last Monday Geo. Howard, Mike Bush, L. J. Catlin and F. G. Pickard passed through town on their way to the ground. The derrick was finished last Saturday and drilling was commenced Wednesday. May the company meet with success.

—A hearing was held in the corridor of the jail before 'Squire Knapp last Tuesday at 10 a. m. Lambert Wagner, Thomas Hurst, Ed Dolliver, Jerry Robinson and Jake Genzel were charged with riot and maliciously destroying jail fixtures and attempted jail delivery. All pleaded not guilty, but after a short hearing all were held in the sum of $300 for their appearance at court next week.

—Ned M. Renwick of Rochester and Miss Ruth Newton of Buffalo were joined in wedlock last Saturday. Miss Newton has been on the editorial staff of the Buffalo news for the last three years. They arrived here last Monday on their wedding trip and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gorton of King street. Mr. Renwick is a half brother of Mr. Gorton. The MINER wishes the young couple continued happiness and prosperity.

—Prof. J. B. DeMotte's lecture at the opera house last Monday night was without doubt one of the finest intellectual treats ever listened to by an audience in that building. His lecture, "The Harp of the Senses or the Secret of Character Building," can only be thoroughly appreciated by being heard. No written language is capable of conveying its wonderful effect upon an audience when delivered by such a powerful and lucid speaker. The opening entertainment speaks well for the managers and gives promise of an intellectual treat for the entire course.

—Piano swindlers are on the road. A man representing himself as a piano agent approaches the farmer and asks to place a piano in the house, agreeing to give the daughter of the farmer music lessons for the privilege of being allowed to take other pupils there. As he gets better acquainted he agrees that if the farmer sells three pianos he may keep the one in his house as his own. The agreement is, of course, drawn up in writing and the piano agent departs. In a few days another man appears with a note signed by the farmer which he has to pay.—Ex.

—At a regular meeting of McKean Post No. 347, G. A. R., held at Backus Hall, Dec. 2, 1897, the following officers were elected for the year 1898: Commander, E. R. Mayo; S. V. C., James Howard; J. V. C., Orrin Brink; Q. M., B. F. Wright; Chaplin, J. Colegrove; Surgeon, Joe Henderson; O. D., S. G. Bush; O. G., Geo Irons; O. S., M. O'Reilly; Trustees, H. M. Choate, H. L. Burlingame, S. G. Bush; Delegate to State Encampment, H. M. Choate; Alternate to State Encampment, S. G. Bush. Installation of officers the first Thursday in January, when all comrades are requested to be present.

—Rev. Dr. Walker attended last week the session of the Olean District Conference at Angelica, N. Y., where he was once pastor. The Allegany Republican in its Dec. 3rd issue says: "All were very much pleased to again hear Rev. Dr. I. T. Walker, who made the closing address Tuesday evening. It was a doctrinal sermon, able and sound, from Ecc. 11; 3—'In the place where the tree falleth, there shall it be.' Dr. Walker is warmly esteemed by the people of Angelica where he so devotedly labored. He, to our sanctum was most welcome. May his pastoral labors in Smethport be richly blessed."

—The story goes that a citizen of this boro was at Coudersport last week and slaked his ardent thirst at one of the several hop-soda fountains said to be on tap at the hub. The fizz rose on his brain and when he went to bed at the Glassmire House his ideas were more or less confused. In this condition he threw his gold watch under the bed and carefully deposited his rubbers under the pillow. He happened to see the watch when he got up in the morning but they searched the house over for the rubbers and were unsuccessful until the maid went to make the bed.—*Ulysses Sentinel.* Matters must be somewhat mixed in Potter since election.

—The gallant editor of the Ridgway Advocate, W. H. Baker, gets off the following tribute to the ladies who wield the rod of correction in our schools: "All honor to the young lady who has the grit brains and independence to prepare herself for the high calling of a school teacher. Her work is a noble one, and she is in a position to do great good in the world. Besides the good she does for others, she wins an independent livlihood for herself. She is not compelled either to be a burden to her parents or to marry the first thing that comes along in the shape of a man just for the sake of having a home. All honor to the 'school marm'." But a great many of them do take up with a ten-cent man after all.

—Last Saturday morning about 1 o'clock the barn of John Boyer, near Doyle's old mill on Potato Creek, was discovered to be on fire. John Mulvihill, a son-in-law of Mr. Boyer, who lives on the place, went to the barn and found the door, which he had locked the night before, unlocked. He went into the barn and attempted to lead out one of the horses, but was unable to do so. The horse stepped on Mr. Mulvihill's feet and he barely escaped with his life. The barn and entire contents were destroyed. A large quantity of hay, 3 horses, 3 cows, 1 calf, 2 sets of double harness, 1 single harness and 1 top buggy were burned. There was $100 insurance on the hay and $200 on the barn. The fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin.

—Col. Burt Olson, editor and proprietor of the McKean County MINER, was in the city yesterday on a business mission. The colonel is one of the most pleasant and congenial men to meet, and publishes one of the best county papers in the State. The MINER is the official paper of the county seat and cuts a very wide swath in county politics. The paper has a wide circulation and is a first class advertising medium. That the paper is prosperous, its large patronage, well printed columns and carefully selected news, all abundantly attest. The MINER is certainly in the journalistic swim.—Bradford Sunday Herald. Bro. Cooper will please accept our thanks for the above kind notice, and right here it is just and proper to say that he has made the Herald one of the best, newsiest and up-to-date Sunday papers that comes to our sanctum. May kind fortune ever smile upon the Herald and its able editor.

—Prof. J. B. DeMotte gave a most entertaining lecture at the opera house last Sunday afternoon. His subject was [illegible] Means [illegible]. The [illegible] was well filled and all went away well satisfied with the intellectual treat. The Professor is an easy speaker and entertains his audience in an easy, off-hand manner. Monday morning he entertained the pupils of the high school with a few well-chosen remarks and with practical tests of their hearing, etc.

—The damage done to the jail last week by the prisoners may prove a benefit in the end. The jail has needed extensive repairs for a long time, but the commissioners disliked to go to the expense as long as it could be avoided. Now it has become an an imperative necessity and good and permanent repairs of the most modern kind will undoubtedly be made. The commissioners visited Buffalo last Tuesday to inspect the cells used in the Erie county jail and the tax payers of the county can rest assured that when the repairs are completed they will be satisfactory.

—A new scheme is being worked in some of the neighboring counties: "Two men travel together, one has a kodak or something resembling it. One of them goes to a farm house and tells the family that he is getting up a history of that section to publish in a leading newspaper and wants to make a picture of the family and the buildings, telling the farmer it will not cost a cent. The family group themselves in front and the operator is quite a while in getting a satisfactory picture. At last it is done, and he takes his leave, telling them about what time they can expect to see the paper with it in. During this time his confederate had looted the house, taking money, jewelry and watches. In one instance the kodak was a cigar box covered with leather."—Wellsboro Gazette. If they come around give them the hot end of the poker.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Gen. W. B. Clarke went to Kane yesterday.

Eben Pattison visited Bradford Wednesday.

F. D. Gallup visited Buffalo last Wednesday.

Orlo J. Hamlin visited Bradford Tuesday night.

E. B. Dalley of Port Allegany was in town yesterday.

Miss Hannah Walsh visited Olean friends Wednesday.

Miss Carrie Thornton paid a visit to Bradford Wednesday.

F. C. Olds of Newell transacted business in town Wednesday.

Ed Sackett of Erie was a guest at the Wright House Tuesday.

Mrs. L. C. Horton of Eldred was a guest at the Central Wednesday.

Mrs. N. A. Varney of East Smethport went to Bradford yesterday.

Mrs. Hanora Quirk has been visiting friends at Tuttle Point for a few days.

Mrs. J. L. Stanton of Ormsby was a most agreeable caller at this office last Tuesday.

Com. W. A. Young and T. F. Hungiville visited Buffalo on official business Tuesday.

Dr. Chadwick visited Buffalo Tuesday. Look out for a fine display of holiday goods.

Supt. J. C. McKenna came over in his private coach yesterday with a party of gentlemen.

W. W. Tate of Wellsboro was calling on his many customers here Monday and Tuesday.

Judge Morrison and Prothonotary Mitchell went to Washington, D. C., last Saturday night.

"Commodore" Pierce returned from a week's visit among Potter county friends last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Keating of Clermont attended the funeral of Martin Beahan at Bradford last Sunday.

Editor Tom McClellan came down from the "Klondyke regions" of Mt. Jewett last Monday on business.

W. P. Walsh went to Kane yesterday morning to meet the committee from New York City in regard to the glass plant.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dailey of Grand Rapids, Mich., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Haskill during the week. Mrs. Daily had been visiting friends in New York City coming from there to this place in the short space of 13 hours via Bradford.

In Memoriam.

Laura Ann Gallup, daughter of Jonathan Colegrove, was born Jan. 28, 1823 and died Dec. 5, 1897, and was therefore nearly 75 years of age.

She married Philetus Gallup, Dec 29, 1844. Seven children were born, but only two survive, J. C. Gallup of Smethport and A. Lincoln Gallup of Keating township. She had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for sixty years. Her husband died some nineteen years ago. She was a faithful wife and loving mother. Her attachment to the church of her choice was marked.

For upwards of a year she had been an invalid, patient and submissive. Her last days were full of hope and confidence. Some of her words were so expressive of her triumph in her Lord. Said she at one time referring to her precious assurance: "I am washed in the blood of the Lamb." It was the joy of a scriptural faith and salvation. She has left to her children an example worthy of imitation. In her life and death we have another illustration of the comforting and supporting power of the Christian faith. May her children find the same comfort in life and triumph in death. Her funeral was held from her home church in Colegrove Tuesday morning, Dec. 7, Rev. Dr. Walker of Smethport officiating.

For Sale.

Full blooded Jersey bull, 4 years old, sired by Jersey Monarch, No. 2521, dam, full blooded Jersey cow (elligable for registration) now owned by J. C. Hamlin of this place. Will be sold for cash or traded for other stock.

JAMES QUIRK,
tf Smethport, Pa.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

There is no pain it will not relieve, no swelling it will not subdue, no wound it will not heal. It will cure frost bites, chilblains and corns. Sold by Chadwick's Drug Store.

The undersigned will start a milk route in Smethport Wednesday morning, Dec. 1. Milk tickets can be obtained at the stores of A. B. Armstrong & Co., and H. C. Wells.

47-tf DODGE & SHERBURNE.

E. T. Daly has a fine line of Portland cutters that he offers for sale very cheap. When you desire to take your best girl for a sleigh ride remember Daly keeps the most stylish rigs in the market.

Have you seen "Solomon Isaacs?"
An awful fine cigar—"Solomon Isaacs."
Five cents will buy a "Solomon Isaacs."
Don't fail to get a "Solomon Isaacs" cigar.

Are you contemplating buying a Piano or Organ? Drop us a postal for free catalogue and lowest prices ever offered.

C. WILLARD & Co.
46-tf Olean, N. Y.

Come early if you want pictures for Christmas. Don't wait for sunshine. Can make good pictures cloudy days. Place your orders early. GLEASON

When in Olean if you desire a first-class meal for 25 cents call at the Palm Restaurant, 160 Union street.

The finest of room moulding 50 varities to select from. Call on L. Koenig Water street.

Get your Deutche Sauer Kraut und Speck at Colegrove's.

Our bread is made at home. Try it. Ives Cafe is the place.

Get your milk of Dodge & Sherburne.

Home-made bread at Ives.

Fits One Thing in Mind

A Christmas Present

And another to get what you want. The following are some of the many handsome things you can select from and in which our line for Xmas is complete:

SMOKING JACKETS from $5.00 to $15.00
BATH ROBES " 5.00 " 14.00
DENT'S and ALDER'S GLOVES from $1.50 to $2.50 Pair
EARL & WILSON'S COLLARS and CUFFS " 2.75 " 4.00 Doz.
FANCY SUSPENDERS from 75c to $2.50 Pair
MONARCH SHIRTS " $1.00 " 2.00
NECKWEAR IN ANY SHAPE, PRICE OR FORM
BOY'S KID GLOVES
GANS' FAMOUS UMBRELLS—Born in Baltimore and raised everywhere
HOSIERY IN ANY DESCRIPTION from 25c to 50c Pair
LINEN AND SILK HANDKERCHIEFS A SPECIALTY.

In fact we can show you anything in

Gents Furnishings.

No old but all new goods. Kindly soliciting your patronage, mail reaches me at 53 Fraley St., and don't forget the number.

Kane, Pa. Bell, The Hatter and Furnisher.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BRADFORD.

An interesting meeting of the city councils was held Monday night. The greatest part of the time was taken up by reports of the joint street committee. Among their reports was a recommendation to have the ordinance passed for paving Mechanic street from Corydon street to Geo. Lancey's lot. An estimate of the cost of a stone wall to be built on said street was furnished by the city engineer [illegible]. The motion was adopted. It was also decided that the Bradford Electric Street Railway Co. must extend their tracks along Jackson avenue to Kendall avenue and up to a point near East Main street in order to hold their franchise. The work must be completed by July 2, 1898.

Miss Minnie Baker died suddenly Monday afternoon from an attack of apoplexy. The lady was in good health up to the time of the attack and was taken ill while walking on Corydon street. She was taken to her home at No. 120 Congress street extension and given medical aid. All efforts to save her were in vain and she died at 8 o'clock in the evening without having regained consciousness. Deceased has resided in Bradford for five years and was a most estimable lady. Her sudden death was a shock to her many friends. Besides her husband, August Baker, she is survived by three daughters, Miss Sophia Baker, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Travers.

The Pompelon Club met at the Women's club rooms Saturday evening and discussed "Unitarianism and Trinitarianism." The debate was opened by Rev. Houghton, who is a Unitarian as is also Rabbi Reynolds, who spoke. Rev. A. R. Kieffer of the Episcopal church and Judge Ward sustained the argument of Trinitarianism in a very able manner. The other speakers of the evening were Mrs. Emma King and Dr. Holt. The subject for next Saturday is "[illegible]," to be opened by Prof. Miller of the public schools.

A distressing shooting accident, for which a former Bradford man named Cleary is responsible, occurred near Quaker Run Monday. Cleary and a man named Lewis were hunting in that vicinity when the gun carried by the former and pointed toward Lewis was accidentally discharged, the charge entering Lewis' leg, six inches above the knee. He was brought to Bradford in a partially paralyzed condition and the injuries, which were of a very serious nature, attended to by Dr. Ash of East Bradford.

The press and public of Bradford are taking a great interest in the churches whose respective congregations are growing rapidly. The congregation of the Episcopal church is increasing each Sunday and the liberal and broad sermons delivered by the rector Mr. A. R. Kieffer are a great attraction. Rev. George Hickman of the Presbyterian church, has been preaching to the workingmen and in all the other churches a great interest seems to be awakened. This is certainly as it should be.

Saturday night four young men disturbed a dance given by the Maple Leaf Club in Pompelon hall. Among other amusements indulged in by the hilarious quartet was the breaking of a few articles of furniture and playing ball with the chairs. Warrants were issued Monday for the arrest of the young men, but only two of them, Robert Madigan and John Dugan, were captured. They were placed under bail by Alderman Barlow to have a hearing Wednesday morning.

William Canty was arrested Saturday night by Chief of Police Ruddy and Constable Tom Osbourn for keeping a gambling house. His place, over No. 9 Congress street, was raided and although there were a number of men playing in the house at the time they were allowed to go and only the proprietor was locked up. At his hearing before Justice Barlow Sunday he was fined $10 and costs and released upon payment of the same.

Edward Quimby of the Hotel Imperial, Olean, eloped one day last week with one of Olean's prettiest and best connected young ladies. The young couple came to Bradford and went from here to Buffalo, where the parents of the foolish girl found her. The pair had very little money and presumably the girl was glad to get home. The young Lothario had left for parts unknown via a box car.

Cissy Fitzgerald and her saucy winks were at the Wagner Tuesday evening in "The Foundling" and were greeted by a large audience. The play is slightly suggestive, but was well received. Thursday James A. Herne's beautiful drama, "Shore Acres," was the attraction and on Friday and Saturday evenings "Vermont" will be given by the Columbian Club of this city.

Martin Beahen, formerly of this city, died at Elkton, Md., about 3 weeks ago and none of his relatives knew of his death until last Tuesday when his brother received an intimation of his death. He investigated the reports and substantiated the rumors. The body which had been buried 17 days was exhumed, brought to this city and reinterred in St. Bernard's cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Mayor Fagnan is the delighted recipient of a handsome present from Rev. Father Casey, manager of the Niagara University football team, which played here Thanksgiving Day. The present is a finely bound copy of the literary gems of the college and also a copy of the Niagara Index, the official publication of the college.

The third meeting of citizens and business men was held at the rooms of the Grocers' Association Tuesday evening. The reports of the various committees were heard and plans for Bradford's future discussed. The stimulation of progression seems to be lasting.

The ground for a new chemical factory was surveyed at Degolia, a little village about 3 miles south of Bradford, Monday. The factory will employ about 20 men. W. Walker and W. S. Gaffney of this city are interested in the concern.

Zem Zem Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Erie initiated a number of candidates Wednesday evening at which several Bradford shriners participated. A banquet and general good time was had after the ceremonies.

[illegible] has been formed and several small games played.

Fireman John Youck of the Buffalo division of the B. R. & P., had both his legs badly crushed between the water tank and man hole of a tender Sunday at Colden, N. Y. He was taken to Buffalo to have his injuries treated.

Eugene F. Williams has been appointed Alderman in the Fifth ward, the position having been made vacant by the death of William Maiden. Mr. Williams received his commission Tuesday.

The first of the series of Losey dramatic entertainments was given at the Methodist church Tuesday evening and were greatly enjoyed by the large audience present.

A little boy named Dougherty was poisoned Sunday by eating canned meat. The little fellow was very sick for a time but was soon relieved by a physician and antidotes.

Bertha O'Brien of No. 2, Ice street, died Monday morning of diphtheria, aged 2 years, and was buried in St. Bernard's cemetery the same afternoon.

Prof. Bertrand Mullette and Mrs. Mary Healy Mullette gave a vocal and organ recital at the Baptist church Monday evening.

The Hotel Imperial, formerly owned and conducted by Jule Andrews, has been leased by James Roberts of Canisteo, N. Y.

Frank Connelly, Frank Middaugh and R. P. Rockwell bagged 77 rabbits and twelve pheasants in 2 days last week.

The Philadelphia Press of Sunday, published a good picture of Col. C's football team.

ANNIN CREEK.

REGGIE HOLCOMB.

Died, Nov. 27, from a wound received in the abdomen a few hours previous by an accidental discharge of his gun while hunting, Reggie Holcomb, aged 16 years, only son of Mrs. Ida Plummer of Annin Creek; widow of the late Eddie Holcomb of this place. Funeral services held at the Baptist church of this place. Sermon by the Rev. Bennett of Coryville, under whose preaching a few months previous, our dear boy was lead to accept the Friend of Sinners. The sorrowing ones have the deep sympathy of many friends and may the following lines be a source of consolation to the bereaved mother.

Jesus, thy never failing friend,
Will keep thee even to the end;
He bids thee lean upon His breast,
For there alone is peace and rest.

He longs thy sorrows all to bear,
He bids thee cast on Him thy care,
And look beyond the gloom of night,
Into thy home so pure and bright.

He is thy sympathizing friend,
His tender love shall never end,
Tho' earthly friends may turn away,
He's just the same from day to day.

O, wondrous love so full and free,
Given to sorrowing ones like thee;
May all thy heart to Him be given,
And every thought be fixed on Heaven.

And there within that home so blest,
With Jesus thou shall sweetly rest,
And clasp again thy darling boy,
Where all is glad sweet peace and joy.

TURTLE POINT.

J. J. McCarey returned last Thursday from Ohio with two head of cattle of the the celebrated Red Pole breed, one bull and one cow, both full bloods. He and his brother have a fine herd of these cattle on their farm on Rock Run.

Frank Thompson of this place is building a new house on the Two-Mile, to be occupied by Oscar Thorne of Port Allegany. Frank's wife and child are staying at his father's while he is away at work.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Beckwith of Farmers Valley are doing finely under the care of Dr. Ida Strobridge of this place.

Tom McGraw of Port Allegany has opened a new blacksmith shop, which was a much needed enterprise here.

James Taylor of Ormsby is here this week cleaning out his oil well preparatory to the shooting.

Dr. Ida Strobridge and Miss Laura Acre made a trip to Larabee Tuesday.

Laverne Bush is very sick at this writing, threatened with typhoid fever.

C. R. Scott of Wellsville was here last week looking over the prospects for oil.

Chas. Rogers is painting and papering Knapp brothers' new house.

CLERMONT.

We do not hear much about the Independent Gas Co., but things are rather quiet around the oil exchange these days. However we are informed they are drilling their No. 2 well which is located at Bloomster Hollow. They will not be so quiet when they are about to reach the sand.

Keating & Butts, successors to S. J. McKendrick, are having it all their own way in the meat business and as they are very obliging to their customers they are likely to continue that way for some time to come.

L. Bayer is confined to his bed with pneumonia. In the meantime his business is conducted by Mrs. B. and Miss Ida Bayer, while Albert Anderson has charge of the delivery of goods, etc.

Our liverymen and blacksmiths are about the only people who are reaping a harvest from the fall of snow. They are kept busy night and day.

J. L. Smith of the Bayer House is nursing a sprained ankle. He manages to be around with the assistance of a cane.

LARABEE.

Geo. Rice was called to Eldred Friday to act as day operator during the absence of Mr. Odell. Mr. Cooly fills the vacancy here.

Master Arthur Hibbard, who has been spending a few weeks with his grandparents, returned to his home at State Line Friday.

Miss Freda Wedell was called to Rock Run Saturday by the illness of her sister, Miss Malinda.

Bert Andrews of Clermont was greeting old friends in town Saturday.

Rev. P. Miller was calling on his many friends in town Monday.

[illegible] took a business trip to [illegible]

—One evening last week as one of the lecturers at the Auditorium was describing a parlor scene, he said in referring to courtship and marriage: "And this is the place where many heart strings have been broken." One of the young lady teachers, sitting in the middle of the house, as she heard this exclamation spoke in a semi-whisper to a companion, saying: "It's more likely that corset laces snapped instead of heart strings." The young lady evidently spoke as the result of a painful experience.—Ex.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says: "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

—City Man—"This must be a very healthful place, judging from the number of old people I have seen here?" Native—"Healthy? Its so blamed healthy that I guess a good many of 'em will have to be shot on the judgment day."

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says, "My child it worth millions to me, yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

—The Westfield Free Press truthfully says: "A woolen shirt and a tramp are very much alike in one respect. They both shrink from washing."

E. C. Delany makes home-made bread at Ives.

—Clean your poultry houses and see that they are warm and comfortable.

For pure milk patronize Dodge & Sherburne.

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President's Message

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In order to secure as nearly as possible the [illegible] of the [illegible] fourth section of the [illegible] act, approved July 24, 1897, I appointed the Hon. A. Kasson of Iowa a special commissioner plenipotentiary to undertake the requisite negotiations with foreign countries desiring to avail themselves of these provisions. The negotiations are now proceeding with several governments both European and American. It is believed that by a careful exercise of the powers conferred by that act some grievances of our own and of other countries in our mutual trade relations may be either removed or largely alleviated, and that the volume of our commercial exchanges may be enlarged, with advantage to both contracting parties.

PRESERVATION OF SEAL LIFE.

The efforts which had been made during the two previous years by my predecessor to secure better protection of fur seals in the North Pacific ocean and Bering sea were renewed at an early date by this administration and have been pursued with earnestness. Upon my invitation the governments of Japan and Russia sent delegates to Washington and an international conference was held during the months of October and November last, wherein it was unanimously agreed that under the existing regulations this species of useful animals was threatened with extinction and that an international agreement of all the interested powers was necessary for their adequate protection.

The government of Great Britain did not see proper to be represented at this conference, but subsequently sent to Washington, as delegates the expert commissioners of Great Britain and Canada, who had, during the past two years, visited the Pribilof islands and who met in conference similar commissioners on the part of the United States.

The result of this conference was an agreement on important facts connected with the condition of the seal herd, heretofore in dispute, which should place beyond controversy the duty of the governments concerned to adopt measures without delay for the preservation and restoration of the herd. Negotiations to this end are now in progress, the result of which I hope to be able to report to congress at an early day.

International arbitration cannot be omitted from the list of subjects claiming our consideration. Events have only served to strengthen the general views on this question expressed in my inaugural address. The best sentiment of the civilized world is moving toward the settlement of differences between nations without resorting to the horrors of war. Treaties embodying these humane principles on broad lines without in any way imperilling our interests or our honor shall have my constant encouragement.

THE DEMANDS OF THE NAVY.

The present immediately effective force of the navy consists of 4 battleships of the first class, 2 of the second and 48 other vessels, ranging from armored cruiser to torpedo boats. There are under construction 5 battleships of the first class, 16 torpedo boats and 1 submarine boat. No provision has yet been made for the armor of three of the five battleships, as it has been impossible to obtain it at the price fixed by congress. It is of great importance that congress provide this armor, as until then the ships are of no fighting value.

The present naval force, especially in view of its increase by the ships now under construction, while not as large as a few other powers is a formidable force; its vessels are the very best of each type and with the increase that should be made to it from time to time in the future and careful attention to keeping it in a high state of efficiency and repair, it is well adapted to the necessities of the country.

As there are now on the stocks five battleships of the largest class which cannot be completed for a year or two, I concur with the recommendation of the secretary of the navy for an appropriation authorizing the construction of one battleship for the Pacific coast, for at present there is only one in commission and one under construction, while on the Atlantic coast there are three in commission and four under construction, and also that several torpedo boats be authorized in connection with our general system of coast defense.

CONSULAR MISUNDERSTANDING.

As to representation of this government to Nicaragua, Salvador and Costa Rica, I have concluded that William L. Merry, confirmed as minister of the United States to the states of Nicaragua, Salvador and Costa Rica, shall proceed to San Jose, Costa Rica, and there temporarily establish the headquarters of the United States to those three states.

I took this action for what I regarded as the paramount interests of this country.

It was developed upon an investigation by the secretary of state that the government of Nicaragua, while not unwilling to receive Mr. Merry in his diplomatic quality, was unable to do so because of the compact concluded July 20, 1896, whereby that republic and those of Salvador and Honduras, forming what is known as the Greater Republic of Central America, had surrendered to the representative diet thereof their right to receive and send diplomatic agents. The diet was not willing to accept him because he was not accredited to that body.

I could not accredit him to that body because the appropriation law of congress did not permit it. Mr. Baker, the present minister at Managua, has been directed to present his letters of recall.

INDIAN TERRITORY DIFFICULTIES.

For a number of years past it has been apparent that the conditions under which the five civilized tribes were established in the Indian Territory, under treaty provisions with the United States, with the right of self government and the exclusion of all white persons from within their borders, have undergone so complete a change as to render the continuance of the system thus inaugurated practically impossible.

The total number of the five civilized tribes as shown by the last census, is 45,494, and this number has not materially increased, while the white population is estimated at from 200,000 to 250,000 which, by permission of the Indian government, has settled in the territory. The present area of the Indian Territory contains 25,694,564 acres, much of which is very fertile land.

The United States citizens residing in the territory, most of whom have gone there by invitation or with the consent of the tribal authorities, have made permanent homes for themselves. Numerous towns have been built in which from 500 to 5,000 white people now reside. Valuable residences and business houses have been erected in many of them. Large business enterprises are carried on in which vast sums of money are employed, and yet these people who have invested their capital in the development of the productive resources of the country are without title to the land they occupy and have no voice whatever in the government of their nations or tribes.

Thousands of their children who were born in the territory are of school age, but the doors of schools of the nations are shut against them and what education they get is by private contribution. No provision for the protection of the life or property of these white citizens is made by the tribal governments and courts.

The secretary of the interior reports that leading Indians have absorbed great tracts of land to the exclusion of the common people, and government by an Indian aristocracy has been practically established to the detriment of the people. It has been impossible for the government to keep its citizens out of the territory and the executory conditions contained in the treaties with these nations have for the most part become impossible of execution.

On the 28th day of September, 1897, an agreement was effected with the Creek Nation, but it is understood that the national council of said nation has refused to ratify the same. Negotiations are yet to be had with the Cherokees, the most populous of the five civilized tribes, and with the Seminoles, the smallest in point of number and territory.

The provision in the Indian appropriation act, approved June 10, 1896, makes it the duty of the commission to investigate and determine the rights of applicants for citizenship in the five civilized tribes and to make complete census rolls of the citizens of said tribes. The commission is at present engaged in this work among the Creeks and has made appointments for the [illegible] of these [illegible] the [illegible] of the present month. [illegible] agreement between the Choctaws [illegible] ratified by [illegible] the other tribes fail to [illegible] [illegible] upon these lands by invitation of the tribal nations.

UNION PACIFIC MORTGAGE SALE.

The Union Pacific railway, main line, was sold under the decree of the United States court for the district of Nebraska on the 1st and 2d of November of this year. The amount due the government consisted of the principal of the subsidy bonds, $27,236,512, and the accrued interest thereon, $31,211,711.75, making the total indebtedness $58,448,223.75. The bid at the sale covered the first mortgage lien and the entire mortgage claim of the government, principal and interest.

The sale of the subsidized portion of the Kansas Pacific line, upon which the government holds a second mortgage lien, has been postponed at the instance of the government to Dec. 16, 1897. The debt of this division of the Union Pacific railway to the government on Nov. 1, 1897, was the principal of the subsidy bonds, $6,303,000 and the unpaid and accrued interest thereon $6,626,690.33, making a total of $12,929,690.33.

The sale of this road was originally advertised for Nov. 4, but for the purpose of securing the utmost public notice of the event it was postponed until Dec. 16 and a second advertisement of the sale was made. By the decree of the court the upset price on the sale of the Kansas Pacific will yield to the government the sum of $2,500,000 over all prior liens, costs and charges. If no other, or better bid is made this sum is all the government will receive on its claim of nearly $13,000,000. The government has no information as to whether there will be other bidders, or a better bid than the minimum amount herein stated. The question presented, therefore, is: Whether the government shall under the authority given it by the act of March 3, 1887, purchase or redeem the road in the event that a bid is not made by private parties covering the entire government claim.

I believe that under the act of 1887 it has the authority to do this, and in the absence of any action by congress, I shall direct the secretary of the treasury to make the necessary deposit, as required by the court's decree, to qualify as a bidder, and to bid at the sale a sum which will at least equal the principal of the debt due to the government; but suggest, in order to remove all controversy, that an amendment of the law be immediately passed explicitly giving such powers and appropriating in general terms whatever sum is sufficient therefor.

In so important a matter as the government becoming the possible owner of railroad property, which it perforce must conduct and operate, I feel constrained to lay before congress these facts for its consideration and action before the consummation of the sale.

It is clear to my mind that the government should not permit the property to be sold at a price which will yield less than one-half of the principal of its debt and less than one-fifth of its entire debt, principal and interest. But whether the government, rather than accept less than its claim, should become a bidder and thereby the owner of the property, I submit to the congress for action.

NICARAGUA CANAL COMMISSION.

A subject of large importance to our country and increasing appreciation on the part of the people is the completion of the great highway of trade between the Atlantic and Pacific, known as the Nicaragua canal. Its utility and value to American commerce is universally admitted. The commission appointed under date of July 24 last, "to continue the surveys and examinations authorized by the act approved March 2, 1895," in regard to "the proper route, feasibility and cost of construction of the Nicaragua canal," is now employed in the undertaking. In the future I shall take occasion to transmit to congress the report of this commission, making at the same time such further suggestions as may then seem advisable.

CIVIL SERVICE EXTENSIONS.

The important branch of our government known as the civil service, the practical improvement of which has long been a subject of earnest discussion, has of late years received increased legislative and executive approval. During the past few months the service has been placed upon a still firmer basis of business methods and personal merit. While the right of our veteran soldiers to reinstatement in deserving cases has been asserted, dismissals for merely political reasons have been carefully guarded against, the examinations for admittance to the service, enlarged and at the same time rendered less technical and more practical, and a distinct advance has been made by giving a hearing before dismissal upon all cases where incompetency is charged or demand made for the removal of officials in any of the departments.

This order has been made to give to the accused the right to be heard, but without in any way impairing the power of removal, which should always be exercised in cases of inefficiency and incompetency and which is one of the vital safeguards of the civil service reform system, preventing stagnation and deadwood and keeping every employe keenly alive to the fact that the security of his tenure depends not on favor but on his own tested and carefully watched record of service.

The library building provided for by the act of congress, approved April 15, 1886, has been completed and opened to the public. It should be a matter of congratulation that through the foresight and munificence of congress the nation possesses this noble treasure house of knowledge. It is to be hoped that having done so much toward the cause of education congress will continue to develop the library in every phase of research, to the end that it may be not only one of the most magnificent, but among the richest and most useful libraries in the world.

Much, of course, still remains to be accomplished before the system can be made reasonably perfect for our needs. There are places now in the classified service which ought to be exempted, and others not classified may properly be included. I shall not hesitate to exempt cases which I think have been improperly included in the classified service, or include those which, in my judgment, will best promote the public service. The system has the approval of the people and it will be my endeavor to uphold and extend it.

The estimates of the expenses of the government by the several departments will, I am sure, have your careful scrutiny.

While the congress may not find it an easy task to reduce the expenses of the government, it should not encourage their increase. These expenses will, in my judgment, admit of a decrease in many branches of the government without injury to the public service.

It is a commanding duty to keep the appropriations within the receipts of the government and thus avoid a deficit.

WILLIAM McKINLEY.

Executive Mansion, Dec. 6, 1897.

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He had the grip, you see.

She gave him tansy, boneset, squills,
Rubbed tallow on his chest
And fed him lots of blue mass pills,
Which quickly did the rest.

By this time John could not get up,
And as he lay in bed
She drenched him from a quassia cup
Till he was nearly dead.

And when at last the doctor came
And fetched poor Johnny round,
Folks said, "'Twas granny, all the same,
Kept him above the ground."

—J. L. Heaton in "Quilting Bee."

ARMORED PLANTS.

Thorns and Spies That Protect Plants From Their Enemies.

"Plants and Their Enemies" is the title of an article by Thomas H. Kearney, Jr., in St. Nicholas. Mr. Kearney says:

There are a thousand things that threaten the well being and even the life of every tree and shrub and lowly herb. Too much heat or too little works great harm to plants. Then there are all manner of wasting diseases caused by other tiny plants called fungi and bacteria. Many large animals, as horses and cows and sheep, live by grazing the herbage and grass or browsing the foliage of trees and shrubs. Of course they greatly injure the plants they feed upon and therefore many plants are in one way or another protected against such attacks.

Did you ever stop to think why thistles are so well armed with sharp prickles or why the ugly roadside nettles are furnished with stinging hairs? Notice cattle grazing in a field where thistles or nettles grow. See how careful they are to let those disagreeable plants alone. That is the reason for the stings and the spines. See this honey locust tree bristling with its horrid array of three pointed thorns. What animal is brave enough to try to rob it of its leaves or great pods? Hawthorns, too, and rosebushes and blackberry briers all have their sharp little swords and daggers to defend themselves against browsing animals.

Out on the wide, hot deserts of Arizona and New Mexico those odd plants, the cactuses, grow in great numbers. Some of them take strange shapes—tall, fluted columns, branching candelabra or mere round balls, like the melon cactus. They are almost the only plants that grow in some parts of that country, and there is always plenty of sap inside their tough skins. To the hungry and thirsty creatures that roam these dreary wastes in search of food and water they are very tempting. Were they not in some way protected these cactuses would soon be entirely destroyed, but nature has made them to be like strong forts or great armored battleships among plants. They are guarded by all sorts of sharp spines and prickles and fine hairs that burn when they get into the flesh.

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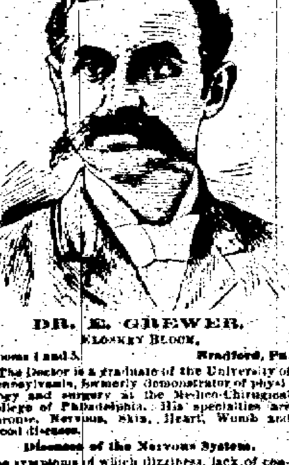

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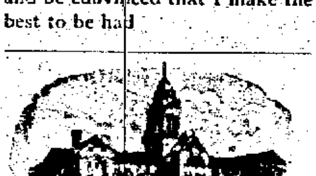

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BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF [illegible] Facias, Levari Facias and [illegible] ponas, Alias Fieri Facias, [illegible] issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose to public sale at the [illegible] in the borough of Smethport, on

MONDAY, [illegible]

at [illegible], the following described [illegible]

[illegible]

Defendant's interest in [illegible] McKean county [illegible] [illegible] 21 chains [illegible] by the northern line [illegible] hundred and [illegible] feet [illegible] north 8 degrees [illegible] feet to a post [illegible] a post in the [illegible] tension; thence [illegible] western line of [illegible] (41) feet to the place of beginning [illegible] (6,000) square feet [illegible] as shown on map [illegible] revel and drafted [illegible] veyor. Being same land conveyed [illegible] garet L. Vegus by [illegible] deed dated June [illegible], 1897. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house with one story addition [illegible] barn and house, a few small fruit trees and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Margaret L. Vegus at the suit of The Star Lubricating Oil Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, assignee of A. W. [illegible], agent.

James George, plaintiff's attorney.

4.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, in the borough of Kane, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, part of Warrant No. 3116, being lot No. 115 on Janeway street, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post in the north line of Janeway street three hundred fifty (350) feet eastward of the northeast corner of Janeway and Yarnall streets; thence by the north line of Janeway street (50 feet from the center thereof) north seventy (70) degrees east fifty (50) feet to a post; thence by lot No. 117 north twenty (20) degrees west one hundred forty (140) feet to a post; thence parallel with Janeway street south seventy (70) degrees west fifty (50) feet to a post; thence by lot No. 113 south twenty (20) degrees east one hundred forty (140) feet to the place of beginning. Containing seven thousand (7,000) square feet more or less and being the same land conveyed to Sophia Olson by Evan O'N. Kane by deed dated the 23rd day of December, 1896, intended to be recorded. From which was excepted and reserved however all petroleum, carbonated hydrogen and other volatile or inflammable minerals and gases and all oil rights reserved in said deed of Evan O'N. Kane conserving the use of said property so fully as the same were legally reserved and excepted in said deed, together with the appurtenances. Improved and having thereon one two story frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Sophia Olson and Nels Olson at the suit of the People's Building and Loan Association of Ridgway, Pa.

W. W. Barbour, plaintiff's attorney.

5.

Defendant's interest in all that certain parcel of land situate in the Fifth Ward of the city of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania: Beginning at the northeast corner of lands deeded by Nancy J. Pierce and Geo. S. Pierce to Joseph Duke by deed dated October 1st, 1891, and at the southeast corner of lands owned by Nancy J. Pierce, and running thence northerly along the westerly line of Pierce alley twenty-five (25) feet; thence northwesterly along the northwesterly line of Nancy J. Pierce's land to the Tuna Creek; thence southerly along the easterly bank of the said Tuna Creek twenty-five (25) feet; thence southeasterly along Nancy J. Pierce's south line to the place of beginning. Excepting and reserving therefrom all that portion of the above described premises conveyed by Nancy J. Pierce and Geo. S. Pierce to the Rochester and Pittsburg Railroad Co., by deed dated Aug. 1st, 1883, being the same premises conveyed to Elizabeth Wheeland by James McKittrick and wife by deed dated September 4th, 1889, and recorded in McKean county in D. B. No. 64, page 510, and by Elizabeth Wheeland and husband to Gustaf Kohn and Irene Kohn by deed dated Oct. 7th, 1892, not yet recorded. Improved and having thereon one two story frame house with addition and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Gustaf Kohn and Irene Kohn at the suit of Mary Manta.

E. R. Mayo, plaintiff's attorney.

6.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the borough of Kane, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the southeast corner of Beech and Elk streets; thence east along the south line of Beech street fifty feet (50 feet); thence south parallel with Elk street [illegible] feet; thence west parallel with Beech street 50 feet; thence north along east line of Elk street to the southeast corner of Elk street and Beech street, the place of beginning. Improved and having thereon one one and one-half story frame house, thirteen young fruit trees and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Carrie A. George and John W. George at the suit of Mary L. Ely.

Shaffer & Shaffer, plaintiff's attorneys.

7.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land in the borough of Kane, McKean county and State of Pennsylvania, part of Warrant No. 3210, being lot No. 25 Sedgwick street, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post in the north line of Sedgwick street, three hundred feet (300 ft.) eastward of the northeast corner of Sedgwick and Dawson streets; thence by the north line of Sedgwick street (thirty feet from the center line thereof) south seventy degrees west fifty feet (S. 70 degrees W. 50 ft.) to a post; thence at right angles thereto north twenty degrees west one hundred forty-five feet (N. 20 degrees W. 145 ft.) to a post; thence parallel to Sedgwick street north seventy degrees east fifty feet (N. 70 degrees E. 50 ft.) to a post; thence south twenty degrees east one hundred forty-five feet (S. 20 degrees E. 145 ft.) to the place of beginning. Containing seven thousand two hundred fifty square feet (7250 sq. ft.) more or less, and being the same land conveyed to Wm. Akerly by Evan O'N. Kane by deed dated July 1st, 1896, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book Vol. 79 at page 266, etc., and subject to all the restrictions and reservations contained in said deed. Improved and having thereon one two story frame house with cellar and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of William Akerly at the suit of the Ridgway Building and Loan Association.

Neil C. MacEwen, Fred H. Ely, plaintiff's attorneys.

8.

Defendant's interest in all the undivided one-half part of those two certain parcels of land situate in the township of Ceres, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, described as follows, viz:

FIRST PARCEL—Being parts of Warrants Nos. 4378 & 25[illegible], beginning at the northwest corner of lot No. 11, as laid on map of the lands late of C. T. Chamberlain, deceased, by R. King, surveyor; thence south 4 & ½ degrees west 135.8 perches; thence north [illegible] & ½ degrees east [illegible] perches; thence west 12.2 perches; thence north 8 & ½ degrees east, 25.3 perches; thence south 87 degrees east [illegible] perches to place of beginning. Containing 22.3 acres more or less, being lot No. 10 on said map of the Chamberlain lands. About one half improved.

SECOND PARCEL—Beginning at a point in the south line and 12.6 perches from the southwest corner of a lot conveyed by Milton B. Fobes & wife to Chas. A. & Spencer S. Bullis, by deed dated July 5th, 1884, and recorded in McKean county in D. B. No. 15, page 571; thence north 65 & ¾ degrees east 25.8 perches; thence north 69 & ¼ degrees east, 18 perches; thence north 87 degrees east, 12 perches; thence north 20 & ¾ degrees east, 14 perches to a post corner; thence south 43 perches to the south line of aforesaid lot conveyed by said Fobes to said C. A. & S. S. Bullis; thence west along the said south line to the place of beginning. Containing 3.4 acres more or less, both above described lots being the same conveyed to Anna Clark and Keir Fredericks by Willis S. Fredericks by deed dated Aug. 9th, 1892, and recorded in McKean county in D. B. No. 69, page 433, to which reference is had for more complete description, subject to right-of-way to lay pipe lines in the public road through said lands, by grant by J. S. & W. M. Skiver to R. F. Marcus, dated April 9th, 1883. Improved and having thereon one one story board dwelling house, one small orchard and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Anna Clark surviving defendant, at the suit of W. G. Roberts.

E. R. Mayo, plaintiff's attorney.

J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff,

Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Nov. 21, 1897.

Orphans' Court Sale.

ESTATE OF GRANT V. STULL, DECEASED.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF ORPHANS' Court of McKean County, there will be exposed to public sale at the dwelling house on the premises on Friday, the 10th day of December, 1897, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the following parcel of land, situate in the township of Eldred, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania: Beginning in the center of the highway leading down the west side of the Allegheny river, at the northwest corner of a lot of land conveyed by C. B. Stull and wife in [illegible] to T. C. Wainman and C. J. Foster, by deed dated Jan'y 1st, 1872, and recorded in McKean county in Deed Book "H", page 310, thence west by the north line of the homestead farm of the late Caleb B. Stull, deceased, to the northwest corner thereof; thence south forty rods; thence east to the highway aforesaid; thence along said highway in a northerly direction to the place of beginning. Containing about 32 acres, and being the same premises bequeathed by C. B. Stull, deceased, to his wife, Ruth, for and during her natural life and at her death to said Grant V. Stull in fee, to him, his heirs and assigns forever, as will more fully appear by the will of C. B. Stull, deceased, proved April 22d, 1884, and recorded in McKean county, Register's Docket "B", page 132, to which reference is had. Ruth Stull, the widow of C. B. Stull, deceased, died about the year 1890. About 25 acres improved with one dwelling house, 24x24 feet, two stories high with wing 18x24, one and one-half stories high, one spring of water near and above the dwelling house, one wood frame barn 28x32 feet and usual outbuildings, 62 apple, 5 pear and 2 plum and other fruit trees thereon. Terms of sale, twenty per cent. cash down, twenty per cent. of the balance on confirmation of sale and delivery of deed, and the balance in one year thereafter, with interest, to be secured by bond and mortgage on the premises, with insurance on the buildings as interest may appear in case of loss.

E. R. MAYO, Att'y, &c.

GILBERT MOODY, Administrator, &c.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 222, June Term, 1897.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Nancy A. Varney did, on the 21st day of April, 1896, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth that she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Frank R. Varney.

We therefore command you, the said Frank R. Varney, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean on the second Monday of December next to answer the petition or libel of Nancy A. Varney, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Nancy A. Varney, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

F. E. Cotter, Libellant's Attorney.

Smethport, Pa., Nov 9, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. [illegible], June Term, 1897.

McKEAN [illegible] wealth of [illegible] of said county, greeting:

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[illegible] made and provided.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

[illegible], Libellant's Attorney.

Smethport, Pa., Nov. 9, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 222, June Term, 1897.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania, to the sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Joseph B. White did, on the 7th day of May, 1897, prefer his petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth that he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Flora M. White.

We therefore command you, the said Flora M. White, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean, on the second Monday of December next, to answer the petition or libel of Joseph B. White and show cause, if any you have, why the said Joseph B. White, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Cotter & Sheasman, Libellant's Attorneys.

Smethport, Pa., Nov. 9, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 63, June Term, 1897.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Elizabeth J. Thomas did, on the 9th day of March, 1897, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said County, praying for the causes therein set forth that she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, William H. Thomas.

We therefore command you, the said William H. Thomas, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean, on the second Monday of December next to answer the petition or libel of Elizabeth J. Thomas and show cause, if any you have, why the said Elizabeth J. Thomas, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

W. E. Burdick, Libellant's Attorney.

Smethport, Pa., Nov. 9, 1897.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 276, June Term, 1897.

McKEAN COUNTY, SS:—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Hiram W. Burlingame did, on the 19th day of April, 1897, prefer his petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth that he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Martha J. Burlingame.

We therefore command you, the said Martha J. Burlingame, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the second Monday of December next to answer the petition or libel of Hiram W. Burlingame, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Hiram W. Burlingame, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy. J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Bouton & Gallup, Libellant's Attorneys.

Smethport, Pa., Nov. 9, 1897.

Notice.

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS OF ADMINistrators and Executors having been settled in the office of the Register of Wills, the same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans' Court, to be held at Smethport, in and for the County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, on the second Monday of December, A. D. 1897.

Second and final account of G. D. Coleman and Frank M. Coleman, administrators of the estate of Horace Coleman deceased.

First and final account of L. J. Gallup, administrator of the estate of Orrin W. Gallup, deceased.

First and final account of C. V. Gillis, administrator of the estate of John T. Griffith, deceased.

GEO. W. MITCHELL, Register,
H. M. CHOATE, Deputy.

Smethport, Pa., Nov. 15th, 1897.

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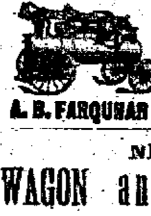

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Local for Olean, daily except Sunday, [illegible] p. m.
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PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION. Time Table. In effect Nov. [illegible], 1897.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

8:25 a. m.—Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 9:30 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3:25 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:30 a. m., New York 7:33 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:00 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., week days (10:38 a. m., Sundays); Baltimore 6:20 a. m., Washington 7:40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

5:10 a. m.—Train 9, weekdays for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont, and intermediate stations.

10:[illegible] a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.

6:29 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays, for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 9 leaves New York 5:50 p. m., Philadelphia 8:50 p. m., Washington 7:20 p. m., Baltimore 8:40 p. m., arriving at Emporium Junc. 5:10 a. m., weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3, leaves New York 7:40 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:40 p. m., Baltimore 11:50 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium Junc. 10:28 a. m., with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baltimore to Williamsport, on Sundays only, Pullman sleeper Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia 8:30 a. m., Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore 8:50 a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:15 a. m., weekdays, arriving at Emporium Junction 6:20 p. m., with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.

Weekdays.

NORTH. A. M. Lv.	STATIONS.	SOUTH. Ar. P. M.
8 35	Ridgway	11 36
9 10	Johnsonburg	11 28
9 [illegible]	Bendigo	11 [illegible]
9 16	Glen Hazel	11 15
9 30	Straight	11 04
9 4[illegible]	Instanter	11 00
9 46	Smith's Run	10 56
9 53	Woodvale	10 46
10 0[illegible]	Clermont	10 40
A. M.		A. M.

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at 11:26 a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 3:45 p. m., and at Ridgway with train 6, leaving Ridgway at 3:10 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager.

J. R. WOOD, Gen'l Passenger Agt.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

On and after June 27, 1897, passenger trains Between Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Bradford, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney and the Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett daily except Sunday, as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—EAST-BOUND.

6.50 a. m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester.

12.30 p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

5.45 p. m.—Buffalo Express—Daily. For Limestone, Carrollton, Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND.

7.45 a. m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

1.41 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

Thousand Mile Tickets, good for passage between all stations, at two cents per mile.

Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before entering the cars. An excess charge of TEN CENTS will be collected by Conductors when fares are paid on trains, from all stations where a Ticket Office is maintained.

For time tables and full information call on or address any of the Company's agents, or

L. B. McINTYRE, Agent Bradford, Pa.

EDWARD C. LAPEY, Gen'l Passenger Agent, Rochester, N. Y.

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R. TIME TABLE.

Took effect Monday, June 15th, 1896.

1 a. m.	3 p. m.	5 p. m.	STATIONS. Ar. Dp.	2 a. m.	4 p. m.	6 p. m.
8:35	2:20	7:39	Keating	9:00	4:31	7:50
8:35	2:20	7:10	Cowley Junc.	9:25	4:20	7:46
8:25	1:50	7:09	Austin	9:40	4:30	8:20
......	1:37	6:59	Costello	9:45	3:13	......
......	1:26	6:48	Wharton	10:00	3:22	......
......	1:17	6:39	Logue	10:09	3:36	......
......	1:01	6:27	Hull	10:22	3:47	......
......	12:45	6:09	Cross Fork Jc	10:45	4:10	......
......	12:07	5:31	Germania	11:24	4:49	......
......	12:00	5:22	Galeton	11:30	4:55	......
......	10:45	4:22	Gaines	2:22	6:40	......
......	10:10	[illegible]	Ansonia	2:45	6:25	......
	a. m.	p. m.	Dp. Ar.	p. m.	p. m.	
a. m.	a. m.	p. m.	Cross Fork Br.	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.
7:00	12:15	1:25	Ar. Cr. F'k Je. Dp.	10:45	1:00	6:10
6:20	11:35	3:00	Dp. Cross F'k Ar.	11:40	2:00	7:10

H. Hutchinson, Train Master.

C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, takes effect Monday Nov. 4, 1895.

Ar. EASTW'D.			STATIONS.	L'V WESTW'D.		
A. M.	A. M.	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
8.50	7.30	2.10	Ulysses	7.42	2.30	10.06
8.35	7.21	2.05	Crowell's	7.51	2.40	10.17
8.30	......	1.56	Carpenter's	......	2.42	10.20
8.25	7.16	1.53	Perkins	7.51	2.45	10.25
8.20	7.13	1.50	R. & S. Junc'n	7.57	2.50	10.30
......	7.10	1.45	Newfield	8.00	2.54	10.35
8.04	7.06	1.42	Gold	8.04	2.56	10.42
7.55	7.01	1.34	Raymond's	8.07	3.00	10.47
7.15	6.50	1.24	Seven Bridg's	8.19	3.11	11.05
7.10	6.40	1.20	Colesburg	8.21	3.15	11.10
7.00	6.40	1.14	Frink's	8.28	3.22	11.17
......	6.30	1.00		8.43	3.35	11.35
4.?5	7.37	12.55	Coudersport	8.45	6.0[illegible]	1.[illegible]
3.49	......	12.51	Hammond	......	......	1.[illegible]
3.39	7.52	12.46	Olmsted	8.51	6.05	1.4[illegible]
3.41	7.48	12.41	Mina	8.55	6.10	1.4[illegible]
3.25	......	12.34	Knowlton	......	6.18	......
3.21	7.38	12.29	Roulette	9.03	6.2[illegible]	1.[illegible]
3.19	7.31	12.22	Burtville	9.12	6.35	2.[illegible]
3.05	......	12.17	Coleman	......	6.36	......
3.15	7.20	12.12	Port Allegany	9.24	6.4[illegible]	2.2[illegible]
P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	Dep't. Arrive	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.

Trains run on eastern standard time.

B. A. McCLURE, Supt.

Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua Ry.

Time Table taking Effect Nov. 28th, 1897.

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

9:20 A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with P. & W. Ry. for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg.

10:0[illegible] A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

5:55 P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and at Bradford with Erie R. R. train for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport, daily except Sunday, at 9:25 a. m., 4:20 p. m. and 6:50 p. m.

JNO. C. McKENNA, Gen. Pas. Agent, Bradford, Pa.

ST. MARYS & SOUTHWESTERN R. R.

To take effect at 7 o'clock a.m., Monday, August 17, 1896.

South		Stations		North	
1:15	......	Clermont		12:35	
1:20	......	Clermont Tank		12:25	
1:26	......	Wildwood		11:57	
1:38	......	North Fork		11:45	
2:10	......	Kay Fork		11:33	
2:12	......	Gray Gables		11:30	
2:30 Ar	Lv	St. Marys	Lv Ar	11:14	10:55 6:15
2:33	7:39	Kaul		10:50	6:12
2:38	7:43	Detsch		10:42	6:00
2:45	7:50	Groll		10:37	5:53
2:50	7:51	Gillen		10:32	5:48
2:57	8:02	Paine		10:25	5:41
3:02	8:07	Centreville		10:20	5:36
3:06	8:11	Dagus Crossing		10:15	5:33
3:10	8:15	Shelvey Summit		10:07	5:24
3:18	8:24	Cuneo		9:58	5:14
3:22	8:28	Thompson		9:53	5:09
3:27	8:33	Curry		9:48	5:07
3:31	8:37	Brandy Camp		9:43	5:03
3:37	8:43	Elbon		9:34	4:54
3:45	8:51	Hyde		9:25	4:46
4:00	9:04	Shawmut		9:15	4:35
P.M.	A.M.			A.M.	P.M.

NOTICE.

To Commissioners and supervisors of McKean and adjoining counties. I am now prepared to furnish iron and steel bridges of any size or duplicate any bridge, do stone work and complete entire structure. Will furnish plans and specifications on application.

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